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## Nine-month-old war in Lebanon likely to end

# Feuding Shiite factions sign peace treaty

DAMASCUS, Jan. 30. (AP): Lebanon's feuding Shiite Muslim factions today signed a peace treaty to end a nine-month-old war in which more than 500 people have been killed, the Syrian Arab News Agency reported.

But Syrian and Iranian officials stressed the "positive step" was not expected to heighten prospects that Western hostages held by Iranian-backed Shiite groups in Lebanon will be freed.

### Hostages

SANA said that the Syrian-backed Amal militia and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah signed the eight-point "comprehensive agreement" at the Syrian Foreign Ministry.

The accord was finalised at a meeting between leaders of the rival militias, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa and Iran's Foreign Minister, Ali Akbar Velayati, after a week of tortuous negotiations.

The confrontation in Lebanon has strained the strategic alliance between Syria and Iran.

Asked whether the agreement will open the door to freeing the hostages, Velayati said before he left Damascus for Tehran today: "We hope that in the future all hostages, whatever their nationalities, will be released."

"But releasing them is not related to the co-operation between Amal and Hezbollah," he said.

He did not elaborate. Most of the 15 Westerners missing in Lebanon are believed held by Iranian-backed Shiite factions linked to Hezbollah.

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A Lebanese soldier stands near the wreckage of a car in East Beirut after a bomb blast. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Arab League committee starts contacts on Lebanese crisis

TUNIS, Jan. 30. (Agencies): Arab foreign ministers had informal contacts with Lebanon's rival prime ministers today at the start of a mediation attempt which Muslim leader Selim Al Hoss said was a real chance to end the country's constitutional crisis.

The Arab League has given the committee of six ministers — from Kuwait, Sudan, Jordan, Algeria, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates — the task of trying to help the two governments find a way out of the four-month-old deadlock.

Lebanon has had no President and two prime ministers, Hoss and Maronite Christian Army commander Michel Aoun, since the Lebanese parliament failed to agree last September on a successor to outgoing President Amin Gemayel.

Hoss, Aoun and the Shiite Muslim Speaker of Parliament, Hussein Al Hussein, have come to Tunis to put their views on the crisis to the Arab League committee.

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## Talks with Iraq, Iran fruitful: Eliasson

# No preconditions set for resuming Gulf peace talks

BAGHDAD, Jan. 30. (AP): UN special envoy Jan Eliasson left for New York today after persuading Iran and Iraq to hold face-to-face talks to curb violations of the Gulf war ceasefire.

Eliasson, who visited both Tehran and Baghdad during his seven-day mission, said before his departure that his talks with Iraqi leaders were "comprehensive and fruitful."

He also lauded President Saddam Hussein's decision to lift a threat against civilian flights into Iran through Iraqi airspace.

The UN official said after a four-hour meeting with Saddam yesterday that he could not specify a date for the talks between military leaders from Iran and Iraq.

Eliasson said UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar had to confirm the most appropriate forum for the talks.

Eliasson called the promise for talks and Iraq's pledge to stop threatening civilian aircraft "the two most concrete measures that could improve the atmosphere."

He also said: "The secretary-general and I are hopeful of being able to meet with the foreign ministers of Iran and Iraq in New York in the near future."

**Significant**  
"There have been no preconditions set," said Eliasson, who was expected back in New York tomorrow.

Diplomats in the Iraqi capital, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Saddam's agreement to set up a joint military committee with Iran was a significant breakthrough in UN efforts to revive stalled peace talks aimed at ending the eight-year-old Gulf war.

The diplomats noted that a joint military committee, working with the UN military observer group monitoring the Aug 20 Iran-Iraq ceasefire, could signal hopes of a mutual troop withdrawal.

The failure of the two sides to agree on a withdrawal, called for under a July 1987 UN Security Council ceasefire resolution, has been a major sticking point in talks that have dragged on inconclusively for five months.

But Eliasson said he would not characterise the agreements as a breakthrough.

"I don't want to speak about breakthroughs," he said. "I hope we've taken an important step forward in a much-needed peace process."

**Solutions**  
The envoy flew to Baghdad on Friday after four days of talks with Iranian leaders in Tehran in a new effort to re-start talks that broke off Nov 11 with no new session scheduled.

Eliasson said he would not detail what possible solutions either side had presented to untie the outstanding negotiating knots.

"It is important that we now make progress on major issues in the peace process and I hope we'll soon have the opportunity under the auspices of the secretary-general," Eliasson said.

The envoy said the mixed military working group would be formed under UN supervision but was unsure what level of military commander would serve from each side.

The committee will work only on technical problems that develop along the 730-mile (1,175-kilometre) border, such as ceasefire violations.

Eliasson earlier cited recent border clashes and diplomats in Baghdad reported exchanges of gunfire and artillery on the ceasefire line near Iraq's southern port of Basra.

Eliasson stressed that the ceasefire is considered stable. "I'm confident it will continue to hold," he said.

**End to uprising no longer a condition for talks**  
**Rabin bid to bypass PLO**

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, Jan. 30. (Agencies): Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said today he no longer demanded an end to a 13-month Palestinian uprising as a condition for peace talks with residents of the occupied territories.

Rabin, searching for ways to induce Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to accept his new peace proposals, told his Labour Party's parliamentary faction:

"I am ready to speak now, to reach agreement on the process."

**Chances**  
"The moment there is agreement... the period of calm begins, there are preparations for elections, negotiations on an interim period... and after an agreed time, negotiations on a permanent settlement," he said.

Israeli leaders, including Rabin, have previously demanded a halt to the Palestinian revolt before political talks, saying Israel would not negotiate under pressure of violence.

Rabin told the Labour faction that chances for bypassing the PLO and holding talks with residents of the occupied territories were better than ever.

"Today they (local Palestinians) are a factor with influence and their weight is growing and if we pursue a wise policy instead of running after (Yasser) Arafat's PLO, they will be more of a partner... and with them there is more chance of reaching a solution," he said.

The PLO and most local Palestinian leaders have rejected peace proposals by Rabin which call for elections in the territories after a period of calm and an eventual Palestinian confederation with Jordan or Israel.

Representatives elected in the poll would negotiate with Israel on an interim arrangement and later a final settlement for the (Continued on Page 2)

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Kuwait: 17°C 63°F  
Ahmad: 15°C 59°F  
Fahala: 15°C 59°F  
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Kuwait: 6°C 43°F  
Ahmad: 9°C 48°F  
Fahala: 9°C 48°F  
Maximum temperatures expected:  
Kuwait: 16°C 61°F  
Ahmad: 15°C 59°F  
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Maximum humidity recorded:  
Kuwait: 70 per cent  
Ahmad: 65 per cent  
Fahala: 85 per cent

## Bombs explode in Afghan capital

# US embassy in Kabul closed

KABUL, Jan. 30. (Agencies): The United States took down its flag and closed its embassy in the embattled Afghan capital today, but US officials vowed to return once peace was restored.

The US State Department last week ordered the 11-member embassy staff to leave Kabul because it feared the Afghan Army would not be able to protect foreign diplomats after the Soviet Union completes its troop withdrawal.

"Today we leave at a moment that is both happy and sad," embassy Charge d'Affaires Jon Glassman said. "We are pleased that the people of Afghanistan are going to be relieved of their suffering, but we know their struggle is not over. The people of the United States are with them."

**Exploded**  
Later today, separate bombs exploded in vehicles in the capital, injuring several people, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. He said no one was killed, and he declined to give the exact number of injuries but said they were "not many."

The spokesman said, on condition of not being identified, that the bombs went off within 30 minutes of each other. He would not say exactly where the explosions occurred.

The US decision to close its embassy came a few days after West Germany withdrew its diplomats. Those closings have prompted Britain, Japan, France and Austria to take similar steps. Diplomats from those four nations were expected to return home by the end of the week.

Italy and some of the Soviet Union's allies were also considering closing their embassies. India announced today it had started evacuating family members of its embassy staff but said it would not close the mission.

**Denounced**  
Afghan officials denounced the embassy closings as unwarranted and said they were intended to encourage the US-backed Muslim rebels to intensify their fight to topple the Kabul government.

The Soviets have assured the Afghan government of President Najibullah that they would continue to provide military assistance after the last Red Army troops were withdrawn.

## Temperature drops to -128°F in Alaska

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## Sikh leader killed in Punjab

CHANDIGARH, Jan 30, (AP): A Sikh political leader was among three people killed by Sikh separatist militants in the northern state of Punjab, police and news reports said today.

Gian Singh, a vice-president of a splinter group of the Akali Dal Party, was shot and killed early today by four Sikhs in the village of Mahatpur Ladhri, about 100 kilometres (60 miles) northwest of Chandigarh, police said.

A police official in Chandigarh, the capital of Punjab, said the four assailants escaped after the shooting. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

Police could not immediately establish the motive for the killing, but the militants have been known to attack moderate Sikhs who do not support their movement for an independent state.

In other violence, two Sikhs were killed in other parts of Punjab last night, the United News of India news agency reported.

The latest deaths raise to 172 the number of killings blamed on Sikh separatists since the beginning of the year. Last year, the militants were blamed for 2,400 deaths.

Sikh militants have been agitating since 1982 for an independent state in Punjab claiming their community is discriminated against by the majority Hindus.

Sikhs form only two percent of India's 880 million people but are in a majority in Punjab. Hindus make up 80 per cent of the population.

## Congo President

BRAZZAVILLE, Congo, Jan 30, (AP): The President of the Congo, Denis Sassou-Nguesso, has been promoted from colonel to general of the Army by the central committee of the Congolese Labour Party, the sole legal political party, a government spokesman said.

The spokesman, Paul Ngatse, said Sassou-Nguesso's promotion yesterday was made in consideration of "his brilliant military career and the necessity for the Congolese Army, as an institution, to follow the normal course of its evolution."

## Warsaw Pact figures on troops strength show balance with the West

## East Germany urges NATO to cut its armed forces

BERLIN, Jan 30, (Agencies): East Germany's Defence Minister Heinz Kessler urged today the Western military alliance NATO, and particularly West Germany, to reduce its armed forces and to abandon plans to modernise its nuclear missile systems.

In an editorial comment the government Neues Deutschland daily, Kessler said East Germany expected the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation to decide to make "a substantial contribution towards the reduction of its offensive potential."

The comment came one day after US Defence Secretary-designate John Tower told delegates at an informal NATO defence seminar the modernisation of short-range nuclear weapons was "essential".

Kessler said today West Germany in particular should plan troop cuts and "dispense with the so-called modernisation of its nuclear weapons carriers."

He said both Germanys' governments "can do and have to do more than others in this field so that confrontation in the heart of Europe will be cut down step by step and so that the awareness of common security interests will increase."

Neues Deutschland also reported at length on new figures issued yesterday by the Warsaw Pact — the East bloc military alliance — showing an approximate military balance with NATO.

The seven-member Warsaw Pact listed its total troop strength in "Europe and adjoining seas" at 3,573 million and NATO's at 3,660 million.

But the ministers acknowledged that the pact enjoyed superiority over the Atlantic alliance in the level of tanks, tactical missile launchers, interceptor aircraft, infantry vehicles, armoured personnel carriers and artillery.

NATO, it said, held a more

than two-to-one advantage in naval personnel — 685,000 to 338,000 — as well as in naval warplanes and large surface ships, including aircraft carriers.

The state also said the Warsaw Pact held a "certain advantage" in submarines armed with missiles and torpedoes.

"The military balance in Europe considering all its ingredients, can be described as a rough parity which does not give a possibility to either side to count on a decisive military advantage," the statement said.

### View

"At the same time, it is imperative to radically lower the present high level of concentration of armed forces and armaments in Europe to ensure stability corresponding to the principle of reasonable defensive sufficiency."

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze had promised to release the figures

earlier this month at the closing sessions of the 35-nation Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Analysts suggested the release of the figures was part of a propaganda campaign leading up to the new talks. In any case they are likely to be challenged by NATO, which released its own figures last year.

The new negotiations on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CAFE) got a boost last spring after Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev accepted the principle of asymmetrical reductions of forces — that is, that once reductions begin, the Warsaw Pact must reduce by a greater proportion.

The existing negotiations, called the mutual balanced force reduction talks, have been in limbo almost since they began in 1973, mainly over the issue of credibility of some Warsaw Pact data.

A longer version of the defence

ministers' statement out of Sofia, where they met last month, explained the reasoning behind the release of data.

### Potential

Troop cuts have also been announced by East Germany, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland.

NATO has tended to view the cuts as a public relations exercise prior to the opening of the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) talks starting in Vienna on March 9.

But NATO officials claim the Warsaw Pact military potential remains far superior to that of the Western alliance, despite recent reductions announced in East bloc countries.

Speaking yesterday at the NATO seminar in the West German city of Munich, Tower said that "even if (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev is sincere, and even if he achieves a measure of success, an enormous threat to us and allied security remains."

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troops return home if the United States and neighbouring Pakistan continue arming the rebels.

The Soviets have also pledged more economic aid for the Afghan government.

"I think the Soviets made a wise decision to pull out," Glassman said after the flag-lowering ceremony in the snow-covered US embassy compound. "We only hope that they will cease further military activities and let the people of Afghanistan enjoy the peace they deserve... we will be back as soon as the conflict is over."

Glassman declined to specify when the US staff would leave Kabul aboard a chartered flight to New Delhi. The Kabul airport was closed today because of snow and fog.

After the embassy staff departs, 10 US citizens — all missionaries — will remain in Kabul.

### Predicted

Many diplomats have predicted the Afghan government will collapse within months after the Soviets finish their withdrawal. The guerrillas surround the

capital and have raided food and supply convoys on the strategic Salang highway.

Afghan rebel leaders vowed today to continue fighting till victory, but warned that plans for the future of Afghanistan were "doomed to failure" if the various rebel groups failed to reach agreement.

### Rebels

Burhanuddin Rabbani, leader of the major Pakistan-based Jamiat-i-Islami rebel group, told a Kuwaiti newspaper that the rebels will continue fighting until the Moscow-backed regime of Najibullah is toppled.

But he was quoted as adding in an interview that though the rebels were besieging the capital, Kabul, and the cities of Kandahar, and Jalalabad, "they will refrain from storming these cities to save the lives of innocent people."

### 2 killed in shooting

TEL AVIV, Jan 30, (Reuters): An Israeli gunman killed a man in an unexplained rampage on a beach north of Tel Aviv today and a soldier who returned his fire killed a bystander by mistake.

## Saudi Arabia to expand its Navy

NICOSIA, Jan 30, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia has announced plans to expand its Navy.

"We have not yet completed our naval force as we want to, but we will complete it as soon as possible," King Fahd said during a visit yesterday to King Abdul Aziz Naval Base on the shores of the Gulf.

The naval shipping list, some of which is already on the order books in France and Britain, includes minehunters, frigates and according to Western defence experts, submarines.

### Fighters

During the past year Saudi Arabia has ordered more than \$20-billion worth of jet fighters, missiles and other weapons.

The Saudi Arabian Navy consists of western and eastern fleets — one patrolling the Red Sea and the other the Gulf.

The fleets include Corvettes, frigates, fast attack craft and helicopters.

Riyadh last year ordered frigates from France and six Sandown class minehunters in a \$500-million deal with Britain.

## Rabin bid to bypass PLO

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occupied territories.

Palestinians say the plan is an attempt to bypass the PLO, ignore Palestinian demands for their own state, and divide Palestinians abroad from those in the territories.

But the spiritual leader of the Islamic resistance movement Hamas, in the Gaza Strip, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, gave surprise support to the idea of elections in the territories in an interview with Israeli television today.

### Favour

"If there is international supervision of elections, there will be more freedom for citizens and this is the right way. There is no other way to elect representatives of the Palestinian people. This is the only way," he said.

Yassin also spoke in favour of a dialogue with Israel and appeared to favour the idea of a Palestinian confederation with Jordan on condition it was between equal partners.

The parliamentary faction of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud Party condemned a meeting last week between leading Palestinian

nationalist Faisal Al Hussein, freed from jail yesterday and senior Defence Ministry official Shmuel Goren.

On his release, Hussein endorsed elections in the occupied territories on certain conditions and said some Israeli thinking was moving in the right direction on the Palestinian issue.

Goren met two senior Palestinian figures in Gaza today and discussed elections and ways to ease the uprising, security sources said.

Brigadier-General Aryeh Ramot, head of the Gaza civil administration, met 10 Palestinian leaders, including senior supporters of the PLO and the Hamas, security sources said.

### Upgrade

In Lisbon, a leading PLO official said today Portugal had agreed to upgrade the PLO's office in Lisbon, the Portuguese news agency, Lusa reported.

Farouk Kadoumi made his announcement after talks with Portuguese Foreign Minister Joao de Deus Pinheiro, but he declined to give further details of change in status of the PLO office, the Lusa report added.

## Arab League committee starts ...

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Aides to the Army commander linked the East Beirut blast with the Tunis meetings, saying it might have been designed to mar the atmosphere and reduce the chances of a settlement.

Three people were killed and 17 wounded in the bomb blast. Police in Beirut said Saadeh, 57, who was riding in a dark blue bullet-proof Alfa Romeo escorted by three carloads of bodyguards, escaped unscathed. Among those killed were two of the bodyguards.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack. Saadeh's party is a major force in the Christian camp that has been fighting against Syrian-backed Muslims in the nearly 14-year-old civil war.

As ambulances raced back and forth at the scene, a woman dressed in black ran over glass shards littering the street screaming hysterically.

"Where is he, where is my cousin," she shouted as tears welled down her face. "I lost my only son in a damned car bomb last year and now my cousin."

Rescuers then told her that her cousin, one of Saadeh's bodyguards, has suffered only minor injuries. The bodyguards refused to say who she was, but one said she was still wearing black in mourning for her lost son.

## Plane crash

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Jan 30, (AP): A military transport plane crashed into a snowbank and split in two during a landing in thick, icy fog, killing eight Canadian soldiers heading to a major US-Canadian military exercise, officials said.

The Canadian Hercules C-130, was carrying eight crewmen and 10 special service paratroopers from Edmonton, Alberta, when it crashed late yesterday, just short of the runway at Fort Wainwright's airfield, said US Army Capt. Jim Rodgers.

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## Wolves maul villagers in Iran

NICOSIA, Jan 30, (AP): Hungry wolves driven by Iran's severe winter to search for food in populated areas, have mauled 13 people on the outskirts of the western city of Bakhtaran in the last two nights, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said police officers and officials of the Environmental Protection Organisation have been deployed to prevent further attacks.

Freezing temperatures and snowfalls have forced wild animals and birds to flock to other towns in many regions over the past two weeks, IRNA said.

Earlier this week, state-run Tehran Television showed hungry jackals and foxes scavenging for scraps in streets on the outskirts of the capital.

The injured were rushed to the hospital for treatment, but their condition was not immediately known, the agency said.

Iran's Environment Protection Organisation has appealed to hunters to avoid harming wild animals that have ventured into cities for survival, and has requested citizens to contact it in case of sightings.

## US Muslims favour both Jihad and talks

NEW YORK, Jan 30, (AP): Both holy war and negotiation are necessary if Palestinians are to win a return to their homeland, according to US Muslims meeting in New York.

But in a sometimes emotional and heated symposium last night, there was little agreement on the degree to which talk and action should be applied.

Nor was there consensus on the role of the United States, although most concurred that ultimately Israel will either occupy all of what once was Palestine or none of it.

"The two-state solution is no solution," said M.T. Mehdi, president of the National Council on Islamic Affairs, which organized the symposium on Islam, Mehdi referred to steps by the Palestine Liberation Organization to establish a Palestinian state to co-exist with Israel.

A major focus of the symposium was the intifada, the almost 14-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. At least 369 Palestinians have died in the fighting.

"The value of the sacrifice of the young men in Palestine is that ultimately they change the opinion of the world," Mehdi said.

Mehdi, who has lived in the United States for 40 years, said it was necessary for the approximately eight million Muslims in the United States to develop the political strength to influence US foreign policy toward supporting the Palestinian cause.

Dr Khalid Rehman said "one of the ways the problem can be solved is through our children."

"If we can get these children to be good citizens... they will change public opinion. They will be the lawyers and political leaders," the physician said.

Imam Fawaz Damra, spiritual leader of Al-Farooq Mosque where the meeting was held, said he agreed with Mehdi that a two-state solution was no solution. But he said he believed Americans would continue supporting Israel.

"We have to use weapons to kick them (Israelis) out of Palestine," declared the imam, who said his family was forced from Palestine. "If we cannot get our land by our hands... then we will never get it."

Sheikh Amin Awad appealed for unity. "We need jihad (holy war) and we need diplomacy," he said.

"Education is jihad," Mehdi said, adding that he would not presume to instruct Palestinian teenagers in the occupied



Mehdi: jihad

territories how to throw stones at Israeli soldiers.

"It is easy to throw stones. It is harder to get on (US television network) CBS and try to reach 200 million people," he said.

Meanwhile, hundreds of masked Palestinian youths demonstrated in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip on Monday while overnight a village leader was stabbed to death on the West Bank apparently by Arab activists.

Witnesses in the Sabra neighbourhood of Gaza City said 500 youths marched with Palestinian flags marked Hamas, an Islamic resistance group in a 13-month-old Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Soldiers fired live ammunition to disperse the demonstrators when they set tyres ablaze and erected makeshift roadblocks of old refrigerators and building blocks in the main street.

There were no immediate reports of casualties.

## Amnesty expresses concern

# 1,000 executed in Iran

LONDON, Jan 30, (UPI): Amnesty International called for worldwide condemnation of human rights abuses in Iran, saying torture and amputation are routine and that at least 1,000 political prisoners have been executed in 10 years.

The London-based human rights organisation, in a statement submitted to the 45th session of the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, expressed alarm at a new wave of executions by the Islamic fundamentalist government and urged the international community to pressure Tehran to stop the killings.

Amnesty said it was aware of "hundreds" of executions of accused drug traffickers, adding that many of those killed were "hanged in public after trials by Islamic revolutionary courts with no provision for appeal or review of cases."

But Amnesty, which opposes capital punishment, said it was particularly distressed by reports of political executions.

It said it obtained names of 1,000 people who were hanged or shot by firing squads for their political beliefs since the government of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi was overthrown on Jan 16, 1979.

In addition to the executions, the Iranian government routinely commits human rights abuses through administration of its fundamentalist brand of Islamic justice, Amnesty said.

"These (abuses) include torture, detention without trial, unfair trials and cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment such

as cutting off thieves' fingers," Amnesty said in a prepared statement released in London.

The statement said Amnesty recorded 21 cases of amputation as punishment in 1988, including the first known case involving a woman. Floggings were another favoured method of punishment, it said.

The statement said Amnesty officials repeatedly attempted to contact the Tehran government about human rights concerns but were denied access to Iranian authorities.

The group said it welcomed recent announcements in Tehran of an amnesty to mark the 10th anniversary of the Islamic revolution, but noted that the proposed amnesty apparently would affect only prisoners who had demonstrated "repentance" for past political views or activities.

"The amnesty comes too late to save the many political prisoners, including prisoners of conscience, who have been executed in the past six months," the statement said.

### Punishment

The Amnesty statement was released reports that 22 alleged drug smugglers, including seven Afghans, were hanged in Tehran and eight other cities after being tried and convicted by Islamic courts under a campaign to stamp out narcotics trafficking.

The latest executions, reported yesterday by state-run Tehran Radio monitored in Athens, brings to 146 the number of accused drug traffickers executed in Iran since Jan 1. The

radio said the latest defendants collectively brought into the country a total of nearly 16 tons of opium, 220 pounds (100 kg) of heroin, 1,650 pounds (750 kg) of hashish and 22 pounds (10 kg) of morphine.

Meanwhile, Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini has called in a letter for the execution of a radio reporter if it is proved he acted maliciously in insulting women and Islam on state-run Tehran Radio.

Khomeini also called for the severe punishment of high ranking officials of the country's radio and television if such cases are repeated.

The call came a day after Amnesty International accused Iran's Islamic authorities of executing since the Islamic revolution almost ten years ago at least 1,000 political prisoners.

"Unfortunately (on) Saturday morning the radio aired a programme on symbol of Islamic woman which one is ashamed of restating it," today, which the Iranian news agency translated into English.

"The person who has aired it is to be punished and expelled and those involved must also be punished."

Khomeini's letter added, "if proven there was a deliberate insult, undoubtedly the person who has made the insult receives the death sentence."

The agency did not reveal the contents of the controversial radio programme, but said it was aired yesterday on the occasion of Woman's Day, marking the birth of Fatima Zahra, daughter of the holy Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him).

## India got US-origin nuclear material

BONN, Jan 30, (AP): A news magazine has reported that nuclear materials that originated in the United States were sent to India through a West German company in 1984 and suggested the substance could have been used to make atomic weapons.

Der Spiegel magazine said the West German company Degussa sent 95 kilograms of beryllium to India in 1984 and that a "large part of this material originated in the USA."

Beryllium is frequently used as moderator in nuclear reactors. Der Spiegel said it can also be used in the production of atomic weapons.

Spiegel said Degussa played the role of middleman in the shipment but did not name the American parties allegedly involved.

"The transaction occurred at a time when there were worldwide rumours that India was developing an atomic bomb," the magazine said.

According to Der Spiegel, the material was sent to the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre near Bombay.

The magazine said West German authorities approved the permits because the government did not hold the view that the exports would help India build nuclear weapons.

Neither government nor Degussa officials could be reached to comment on the report last night.

## New US secretary wants Tokyo to spend more on defence

# Japan uneasy over Tower

TOKYO, Jan 30, (UPI): Japanese government officials said today that US Defence Secretary, John Tower, has "a great deal to learn" about the US-Japan security relationship but were confident he would quickly be brought into line by President Bush.

During Senate confirmation hearings in Washington last week, Tower stunned the Japanese government by saying Japan should be paying a much greater share of its GNP of defence.

Tower, 63, who said he took part in the Allied occupation of Japan after World War II, told the Senate Armed Services Committee that it was a good idea at the time to limit "a constitution on Japan strictly limiting its defence capabilities."

"Now, in retrospect, it was a lousy idea, because the Japanese are now our friends, they are our allies," he said.

Tokyo further bristled when Tower went on to say that the United States could not

intervene in the domestic affairs of NATO nations because they were sovereign countries.

"In light of those remarks, it seems to us that Tower does not consider Japan an independent country," the Japanese English-language newspaper, the daily Yomiuri, said in a front-page editorial today.

Tower also made waves by saying he would personally review the recently concluded US-Japanese FKS jet fighter project to make sure the transfer of technology to Tokyo is warranted.

Learn "If you read with care what he did say, you realise he (Tower) has to learn a great deal about the facts of our security relationship. But he will learn," said a top-ranking official of Japan's Foreign Ministry.

"The (US) administration has said again and again that they are fundamentally satisfied with our security relationship," he said. The official suggested that

Tower was making the statements for the benefit of the Senate committee members and had no intention of changing the course of US-Japan relations.

Reminded that Tower previously served as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Foreign Ministry officials snapped, "he has been out of it for four years."

Tokyo views the US-Japan security alliance as the cornerstone of its foreign policy and Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita will reaffirm the policy when he meets Bush at the White House on Thursday.

Asked if Takeshita would meet Tower during his visit, one Foreign Ministry official said coolly, "We don't know whether Mr Tower will be confirmed by that time."

While spending less than one per cent of its GNP on defence, Japan has responded to US calls for a greater contribution to the alliance by steadily upgrading its military.

## Tibetan refugees mourn Panchen Lama

NEW DELHI, Jan 30, (UPI): Tibetan refugees today held prayer meetings to mourn the Panchen Lama — the second-highest Tibetan Buddhist leader and an advocate of Sino-Tibetan unity — with the Dalai Lama calling his death "a great loss."

All Tibetan institutions across India closed for the day and a three-day mourning period was declared in all Tibetan refugee settlements and monasteries, said a Tibetan spokesman.

The spokesman said Tibetans in New Delhi held a special prayer service and the Dalai Lama, the revered god-king of six million Tibetan Buddhists, presided over a service in dharmshala, where he has lived in exile since fleeing his homeland in 1959 after a failed insurrection against Chinese rule.

The Dalai Lama was accompanied by tens of thousands of followers and small numbers of refugees still trickle across the border to India. There are more than 100,000 Tibetans now living in settlements in India.

The Panchen Lama remained behind and co-operated with Beijing in its efforts to promote Sino-Tibetan amity. At the time of his death on Saturday, he held the position of vice chairman of the National People's Congress, China's parliament.

Claim The Dalai Lama claims Tibet was an independent nation before the Chinese occupation in 1951 and that 1.2 million Tibetans have died as a result of Beijing's rule. China rejects the claim, saying Tibet has been part of its territory for centuries.

Despite the Panchen Lama's co-operation with China, the Dalai Lama praised the late leader as an advocate of Tibetan rights.

"The Panchen Rinpoche (Panchen Lama) fought for the rights of the Tibetan people during the most difficult period," the Dalai Lama said in a statement. "He was indeed a freedom fighter. His sudden demise is a great loss and I am deeply grieved."

The Dalai Lama said he hoped for "a quick and authentic discovery" of the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama.

## Sri Lankan candidates can't carry guns at night

COLOMBO, Jan 30, (Reuters): Sri Lankan police today banned candidates in next month's parliamentary election from carrying weapons at night to help identify extremists blamed for killing more than 200 people since campaigning began.

"We want to be able to identify people carrying arms at night," a senior police officer said.

He noted the ban would restrict night rallies and canvassing because "candidates and their bodyguards won't like to move around without arms."

Nine candidates and more than 200 supporters have been killed since campaigning began on Jan 10 for the February 15 poll, the first parliamentary election since 1977.

Nearly 1,400 candidates are standing for election to the one-chamber parliament, now controlled by President Ranasinghe Premadasa's United National Party.

A southern-based left-wing and mainly Sinhalese group, the Peoples Liberation Front, has been blamed by authorities for much of the violence, though some political analysts also blame political rivals of the candidates.

Police said the Front, which is opposed to the election, killed six security men and two civilians in weekend attacks on police posts and an Army patrol.

## Kim Il Sung ready to meet Bush

TOKYO, Jan 30, (UPI): North Korean leader Kim Il Sung says he would be prepared to hold direct negotiations with the President of the United States to bring about reunification of the Korean peninsula divided for the past 44 years, the official (North) Korean Central News agency reported today.

The agency's report, monitored in Tokyo, said Kim made the proposal during an interview with an Italian radio and television journalist on Oct 29 last year.

It did not disclose why North Korea waited three months to make the proposal public and did not mention by name either President Bush or former President Ronald Reagan.

But it comes only days after officials of the United States and North Korea confirmed that diplomatic contacts have been resumed between the two countries. The United States broke off diplomatic activity with Pyongyang in 1987 after the bombing of a Korean Airlines jet which Seoul and Washington blamed on North Korea.

Kim said a summit with the US President, however, could only take place after the United States demonstrates its sincerity about unifying North and South Korea.

### Measures

"In keeping with the trend of détente and reconciliation, the government of the United States must take practical measures to ease the tension on the Korean peninsula," Kim said in the interview carried by the agency.

"If the US government adopts these measures and shows its sincere attitude to settle the Korean question, the negotiations can be held between me and the US President."

"If the US abandons its unjust policy of obstructing our people's cause of reunification, this will open a new phase in the relations between our country and the US," Kim said.

## Thousands remember hostages in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Jan 30, (AP): The Beirut newspaper An Nahar said today it has received more than 10,000 Christmas, New Year and Thanksgiving greetings addressed to American hostages held in Lebanon.

The independent daily published samples of the letters which it said have been pouring by mail to its address in West Beirut since Dec 1.

They were addressed to eight of the nine American hostages held in Lebanon since March, 1985 — Terry Anderson, Thomas Sutherland, Joseph Cicippio, Frank Reed, Jesse Turner, Robert Pollitt, Alann Steen and William Higgins, An Nahar said.

### Appeal

The only hostage who was not listed by An Nahar as the recipient of any message was writer Edward Austin Tracy. A native of Burlington, Vermont, he had lived in Lebanon for many years. The Revolutionary Justice Organisation claimed on Oct 21, 1986 it had kidnapped him.

Among the letters was one from Ohio Congressman Donald J. Pease, a Democrat, in which he appealed to the captors to provide an address to which letters to hostages could be mailed.

"Although it's not an easy period for you, I want you to know that you are always in our prayers," said Pease in a published letter addressed to Anderson, 41, of Lorain, Ohio.

Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press, is the longest-held of the 15 Western hostages missing in Lebanon. He was kidnapped March 16, 1985.

Other messages were addressed to Thomas Sutherland, of Fort Collins, Colorado, from families and elementary school students in his hometown. All were identical, saying: "Our thoughts and prayers are for you."

Sutherland, 57, was acting dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut when he was kidnapped June 9, 1985.



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## Egyptian culture minister arrives

KUWAIT, Jan. 30. (KUNA): Egypt's Culture Minister, Farouk Hosni, has said that his visit to Kuwait falls in line with enhancing cultural links between Egypt, and other Arab countries.

In a dispatch from Cairo, published here today before starting his visit to Kuwait, Hosni told a local daily that he works toward boosting Egyptian-Arab cultural relations, at the instruction of President Hosni Mubarak.

The Egyptian minister arrived here last night, carrying a message to HH the Amir from President Mubarak and a similar message to HH the Crown Prince and Premier from Prime Minister, Atef Sedki.

On the other hand, he praised Arab presence at the international art festivals held in Cairo, indicating that Egypt is currently preparing for a big cultural festival titled "The Land of Taba," on the occasion of this border strip being restored to Egyptian sovereignty.



HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, received at his office yesterday the Egyptian Minister of Culture, Farouk Hosni on the occasion of his visit to the country.

## Second International Ophthalmology Symposium to be held in Kuwait

By Lima Al Khalafawi

KUWAIT'S second International Symposium on Ophthalmology will be held in Kuwait 4-7 Feb according to Dr Sami Al Ribia'a, the symposium president and consultant of ophthalmology.

Speaking at a news conference, the official said that 65 papers will be submitted during the symposium by visiting doctors from countries such as US, UK, Italy, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Morocco, Algeria, UAE, Bahrain, Nepal, Pakistan, Egypt and Jordan.

The research papers include studies on: external eye diseases, lasers in ophthalmology, studies of cataract, refractive surgery and new methods of treatment in ophthalmology.

Forum  
The symposium is intended to provide a forum for the exchange of information and will seek to find solutions to problems in this field of specialisation. The concept of establishing an Arabic Medical Association of Ophthalmology will be the focus of discussion during the symposium, the official said.

On complicated cases that doctors have to deal with in Kuwait, Dr Sayed Sherif, Head of the Ophthalmology Department in Kuwait said that 85 per cent of the cases are complicated and in advanced stages of ailments. Translated, this means that there are 40 to 45 different advanced cases each month and nearly four to five cases of general eye diseases among babies due to a lack of awareness or negligence among patients.

Complications  
He said: "Patients come to us rather late" and added that patients of cataract or glaucoma in late stages are likely to have produced more complications by the time they come for treatment. The diagnosis is that one eye is lost and the other is in a serious condition.

These unfortunate mishaps may well be prevented if the patient comes to the doctor at an early stage, the official said. Complicated cases such as advanced retinal detachment requires specialised doctors. This is due to growing blood vessels and obesity in elderly people who seek late medical advice. But, such operations are easily performed on patients in Europe.

Ribia'a concluded that the number of cornea transplants this year is expected to be 1,000 compared to the number between 1981 to 1985 — which amounted to 25 in Kuwait. He stressed the need for developing and spreading the expertise of cornea transplantation in Kuwait.

He added that Kuwait benefited from the first conference held in April, 1984 which dealt with ocular trauma. The last conference provided doctors with new practical methods on trauma treatment.

Kuwait, he said, comes second to North Ireland in the number of patients of perforated ocular injuries. Kuwait had a total of 539 cases of perforated ocular injuries during a six-year period compared to 1,936 cases in North Ireland.

He pointed out that Turkey already has training agreements with a number of countries in the Middle East but said he believed defence industry co-operation was "more important."

By taking into consideration the similar requirements in the region and by establishing consortia which will meet the needs of the region it will be possible to develop joint production projects," the Emirates News quoted Torumtay as saying.

## Turkey offers military expertise to Gulf states

ABU DHABI, Jan. 30. (KUNA): A senior Turkish military official, in remarks published today, offered his country's expertise in military training and defence industries to the United Arab Emirates and other members of the Gulf Co-operation Council states.

Chief of the Turkish General Staff General Necip Torumtay, in an interview with the Abu Dhabi-based daily 'Emirates News' hailed the "many common bonds" linking Turkey with the UAE, and called for closer co-operation between them.

Torumtay noted in particular the importance attached by both countries to regional peace and security and the special friendship existing between UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan and Turkish President Necmettin Erbakan.

Torumtay who arrived in the UAE on Saturday said he hoped his visit would lead to strengthening of relations between the two countries and their extension "to cover new fields of co-operation such as military training and defence industries."

He noted that increasing costs of weapons production required proper feasibility studies although "it is quite natural that a country wishes to manufacture its own weapons."

Torumtay said "I believe that within the framework of regional benefits, by realising joint projects with the UAE and with other members of the GCC, to procure identical requirements, it will be possible to modernise our weapons systems in the most economical manner."

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## Offers submitted for construction of three border customs stations

By Hussein Salama

THE decision of the Council of Ministers to prevent trucks and trailers carrying goods from entering Kuwait is to be implemented by establishing customs stations at respective Kuwaiti borders, according to an official source.

Ibrahim Al Ghanim, the director-general of the General Customs Department said that several companies have submitted their offers for the construction of the needed infrastructure at the customs borders. The new

## Information contract

KUWAIT, Jan. 30. (KUNA): Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah today signed a KD2.23 million contract under which a local firm would supply and install modern equipment at the new State Printing Press.

## Residence permit validity may be extended

THE Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour may extend the validity of the work permit to three years from two years as at present to comply with the new labour regulations applicable to the private sector, according to Mohammad Al Shabnan, assistant undersecretary for labour affairs.

### Authorisation

The new regulations ban the transfer of work permits from one sponsor to another before three years. Shabnan urged expatriates working in the private sector to settle their positions (example change of sponsors) before March 22 of this year when the new regulations become effective.

According to the new regulations, Kuwaiti employers cannot authorise expatriates other than GCC citizens to sign on their behalf. He reaffirmed that the transfer of residence or work permits will not be allowed before completion of three years with the same employer — whether the transfer is within the private sector or from the private to the government sector.

### Probation

Government employees can work part-time if they obtain permission from their ministries. Private sector employees cannot work for a second sponsor even if they obtain such permission, according to the new regulations. Private sector employees found

working part-time with other sponsors will be deported.

Probation for newly appointed employees in the private sector is 100 days. The new employer must transfer the residency on to the name of such recruits. If the employee is deemed unfit then the employer can fire him or her or send him or her back to the country of origin if he or she does not fulfil conditions for transferring their residence to other sponsors.

However the employee should have been living in Kuwait for at least ten years, the official said.

Private sector employees who do not get their salaries on time have been advised to complain to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

## Rqobah in Tunis for bilateral talks

TUNIS, Jan. 30. (KUNA): Kuwaiti Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Hmoud Al Rqobah today hailed Kuwait-Tunisia relations in all fields.

Rqobah told KUNA that his visit to Tunisia aims at promoting bilateral relations especially in fields of electricity and water.

The Kuwaiti minister arrived here last night on an official visit to Tunisia, at the invitation of Energy and Mines Minister Sadok Rabah, during which he will acquaint himself with electricity and water projects as well as benefit from Tunisian experience.

Headed that the ministry had

formed a committee to conclude contracts with a number of Tunisian engineers and technicians to work in Kuwait, noting that a number of them already are working in Kuwait.

He will also extend greetings to Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Baccouche from Kuwaiti Crown Prince and Prime Minister HH Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

The minister is accompanied by a delegation including Electricity and Water Assistant Undersecretary Hmoud Al Enezi and Director of Doha Power Station Faisal Mudaf, along with other officials.

## Arab and European news agencies to meet in Vienna

VIENNA, Jan. 30. (KUNA): The executive committee on the dialogue between Arab and European news agencies holds its 13th meeting here tomorrow to review issues related to dialogue and co-operation.

The Arab side will be represented by general directors of Kuwait, Saudi and Libyan news agencies and the European side

will be represented by West German, Finnish, Austrian and Czechoslovak news agencies.

The committee is scheduled to discuss the specialised studies prepared by the General Secretariat of the Federation of Arab News Agencies (FANA) chaired by Board Chairman-Director General of Kuwait News Agency (KUNA).

## Ration card system to continue

By Lima Al Khalafawi

SINCE the inception of the ration card system in 1975, 140,000 cards have been issued. The majority of these cards however are registered in the names of more than three persons per family, an official of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry told the Arab Times.

Abdulla Al Mulla, the director of the Consumers Protection Department said: "The system of providing foodstuffs at subsidised rates through ration cards will continue."

The card holder can purchase sugar at 90 fils per kilo, rice at 110 fils and a tin of milk powder at KD1.050 from the ration shop.

Drop  
Speaking on the drop in prices of meat, Mulla said that the ministry fixed the prices of mutton at 750 fils and beef at 800 fils per kilo. But, he said the prices of meat have dropped below the fixed level because of a large supply and speculation among companies. He added that prices are being regularly monitored.

During the last six months, prices have been fluctuating and mutton, which once had dropped to 400 fils per kilo, went up to 750 fils and at present sells in between 450 and 500 fils per kilo. There is a variation in the prices of Australian, Turkish and local varieties — the last being the most expensive.

A regular meat customer said that only the prices of Australian mutton have dropped. Live Australian sheep now cost KD8 compared to KD18 a month and half before. The drop in prices have encouraged people to purchase meat in larger quantities, he said.

He added that prices should be monitored, as he believed, that in the long run such speculation from an individual company will lead to a monopolised market which in turn will lead to an increase in the price of meat once again.

## 18 commercial fairs to be held this year

KUWAIT, Jan. 30. (KUNA): Kuwait International Fair (KIF) would this year hold 18 fairs covering a wide range of commercial activities, Director-General, Mohammed Saud Al Dikhal, said today.

The official told a news conference that the first of the fairs would be the Information Exhibition starting February 19. Other fairs would feature Domestic Furniture, Perfumes and Cosmetics, Engineering and Construction Equipment and Materials, Children's Books and Toys, Agriculture and Food Fair and Tourism and Travel.

Dikhal unveiled plans for expanding the International Fair ground to accommodate several big events at a time.

The main feature of the expansion programme is the construction of three halls over an area of 15,000 square metres.

Dikhal added that KIF would also construct a fourth open-air exhibition hall.

## UN Information Test concluded in Bahrain

THE Arab Regional Office of United Nations Information (USI-ARO), based in Bahrain, has just concluded the sixth annual regional United Nations Information Test which was first started in 1984.

Jiya Lal Jain, Secretary-General of the USI-ARO, attended various meetings in connection with the test in Dubai, Al Ain and Abu Dhabi this week.

In a statement issued to the Arab Times, Jain said that the aim of this test is to popularise the United Nations among the student population of this region. He added that the organisation is the only hope of mankind for lasting peace.

Amid the tensions present on the international arena today, the UN stands as the bedrock of peace and stability. He stressed that the students must be made to realise this in a personal way.

### Participation

The participation figures for this test from 1984 are as follows: 1984-1,752; 1985-2,018; 1986-4,693; 1987-5,687; 1988-5,711; 1989-4,990. Since the introduction of this test the number of participants increased three-fold, with the highest being registered last year. The grand total of participation so far is 24,851 students from schools in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Kuwait, Iraq, Syria and Jordan.

Students securing 40 per cent and above marks in the test are awarded certificates while top scorers in each category are given special mementoes.

The secretary-general said between 66 to 72 per cent of students participating in this test pass successfully.

### Divided

The test is divided into four categories, along lines similar to the United Nations Information Test: sub-junior, junior, pre-senior and senior, starting with 4th standard leading to 12th standard. Separate question papers are prepared for both boys and girls. Questions are based on two books prepared as source material: United Nations Primer for pre-senior and senior categories and ABC of the United Nations for sub-junior and junior groups. These books were originally prepared by USI-ARO, which regularly revises and updates information in every edition to include the latest developments in the organisation.

In February two more tests are scheduled to take place in schools: the annual regional general knowledge test and the first mathematical Olympiad. While the general knowledge test aims at increasing students' awareness of everyday facts of life, the Olympiad is a test of intellectual acumen, quick thinking and practical wisdom.

Preparation  
To help students prepare for the general knowledge test, the office publishes two books, annually revised: General Knowledge Digest for Schools and General Knowledge Primer. Both these books contain diverse information of interest even for the casual adult reader, culled from various sources.

In its format and organisation, the mathematical Olympiad will be no different from the United Nations Information Test and the general knowledge test.

Meanwhile, the Arab Regional Office is also organising the First Gulf Schools Festival in Bahrain between May 15-18th. It is a first venture to assemble students and teachers from all over the Gulf for a four-day festival of cultural programmes and brainstorming sessions.

## MTSC concludes agreement with Bahrain Communication Company

KUWAIT, Jan. 30. (KUNA): The Mobile Telephone System Company (MTSC) announced here today that it concluded the agreement of the mobile system service with the Bahrain Communication Company, under which subscribers of both companies can use their telephones in Kuwait and Bahrain.

Head of the MTSC Publishing and Foreign Relations Department Sheikh Hamad Nasser Al Sabah told KUNA that those who wish to enjoy the newly introduced service can apply to transform lines from the local to external system for KD3 per month. A new number will be given for the foreign line.

He indicated that the fees for state to state calls are collected according to rates authorised by the country from which a subscriber makes his call.

Sheikh Hamad said that the agreement falls in line with efforts exerted to strengthen communications among the Gulf states, hoping for similar agreements in the near future with other GCC countries.

On the other hand, he said subscribers can benefit from the allowed unused daily minutes on the next day and so on, within a month but not from one month to another.

## Priority to accident victims at plastic surgery unit

THE Ministry of Public Health believes that higher priority should be given to the treatment of deformities caused by traffic accidents.

Officials at the ministry, however, said that future developments in the field of plastic surgery should not exceed the limits of the treatment for inborn deformities, or disfigured body organs. Other methods should also apply to deformities caused by burns.

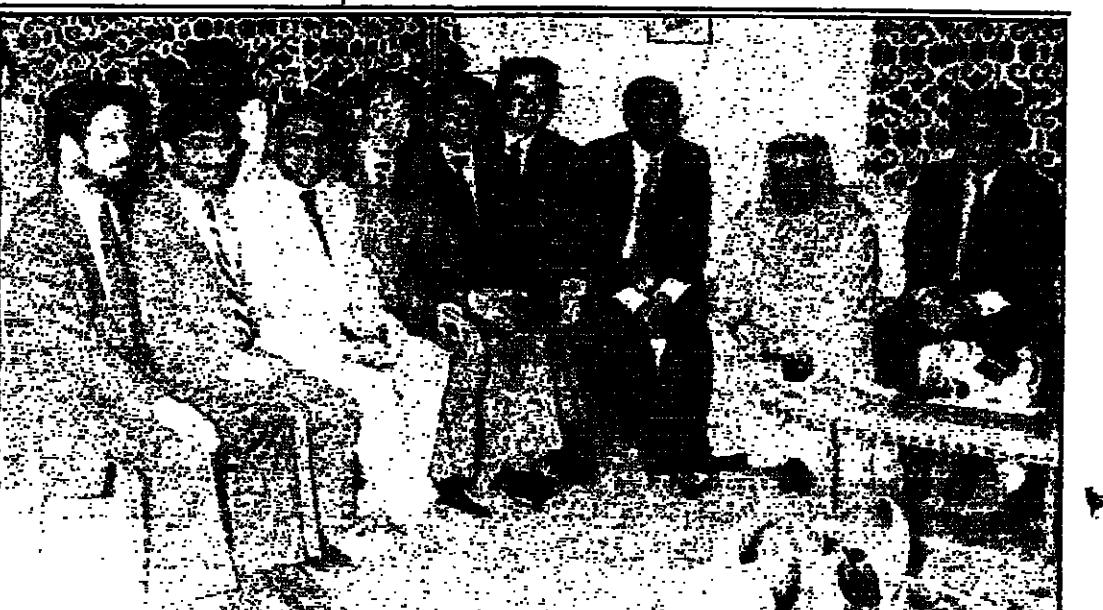
Dr Majed Tabboub, a plastic surgeon and consultant at Ibn Sina Hospital said that plastic surgery is a technique applied to relieve patients of their suffering and embarrassment due to deformities.

The plastic surgery section at Ibn Sina Hospital treats deformities due to burns among children and adults. It receives 250 to

350 cases annually, 50 of which suffer from serious disfigurement, he added.

Tabboub described treatment results as equivalent to advanced countries. He said that Ibn Sina Hospital also carries out treatments on in-born deformities of children. Ten out of a thousand new borns have deformities in the form of hare lips or deformities around the face. Surgery conducted on such cases, might be a one stage operation or sometimes require several operations.

Genuine  
Plastic surgery should only be conducted on patients who genuinely need this service. It is hard to say whether it is necessary to carry out an operation or not — the general directive is to help patients in what we see necessary the official said.



A reception for outgoing Chinese Counsellor Liu Bao Lai (fourth left) was hosted by Bangladeshi Counsellor Mohsin Ali Khan (third right) on Sunday. The new Chinese Counsellor Qin Hong Gao (fourth right) and a large number of diplomats attended. Photo by Mohammed Bodeq.



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  - c. Biology major
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Candidates must have a degree from an American or British University and English must be their first language.

Interested applicants should complete an application form at Al-Bayan School not later than February 4th, 1989. CV's should be attached.

Interviews will be conducted between February 5th and February 7th, 1989.

For further information, please contact Sarah Hard — telephone 5315268/5315269.

## Goan dramatist comes to Kuwait

By Peter D'Souza

A POPULAR Goan dramatist M. Boyer arrives in Kuwait on Wednesday to stage a Konkani drama *Ekuch Kazar* (Only One Marriage) on Friday. The play will be performed for the 80th time.

Known for his impromptu composition of songs, M. Boyer wrote more than 22 dramas during his 40-year career. His best dramas are *Sonsar Sudorlo* (World has improved), *Mog, Kazar, Divorce* (Love, marriage, divorce) and *Bekar Empregad* (Unemployed officer). A multi-talented dramatist, he writes, directs, produces and sings but is better known for his comic roles.

From his childhood, he has been obsessed with acting and the theatre. He began as a singer during his school days and won much praise. At that time the school management had prohibited students to sing or act in productions outside the school. Despite this ban, Boyer became actively involved in the theatre movement in Goa, becoming an outstanding actor and singer. He said in those days he acted for "personal satisfaction" and was paid a petty

fee of Rs 5 to Rs 10. When newspapers reported his performance, he was fined by his school. To avoid the penalty, he borrowed the name of an American actor, Charles Boyer, a name which he still bears. His real name is Manuel Santan Aguiar.

Besides winning the State Award in 1984-85 for his contribution to the Konkani stage, he was one of the 50 prominent Goans honoured on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Goa's Liberation. He has also won a gold medal instituted by the Maharashtra Education Ministry for the best song on sports and education.

Boyer is a former Congressman. He said he left the Congress Party when he felt that as a Congressman he belonged only to a particular section of the society. He says he wants to belong to the whole society.

Besides Boyer, others from Goa who will take part in *Ekuch Kazar* are Betty Naz, Felcy, Sabina, Platida, Josephine, Joe Rose, Mike Mehta, Jr Rod, Rosario Dias, and Marceline-de-Betim. From Kuwait Cajetan de Sanvordem, Marcus Vaz, Xavier and Rosary Ferns will participate.

## Noted Indian dancer to perform at IAC

DR Padma Subramanyam, a noted Indian dancer, will give a recital at the Indian Arts Circle in Kuwait in the last week of February.

IAC has organised the dance recital as part of the Nehru Centenary celebration in Kuwait.

Dr Padma Subramanyam, who visited Kuwait in the early 1980s, is an internationally reputed dancer and acknowledged in India as the best exponent of classical Indian dances.

A research scholar, she studied Bharata's *Natya Sashtra*, an ancient treatise on the science of dance drama, she established that the "karanas" (postures) are not static poses as depicted on temple walls but are amalgamations of various moments and gestures of what she described as "dance units". She calls her dance "Bharata nrityam" and not Bharatan-

atyam. "Bharatanatyam as it is performed today is neither drama (natya) in the true sense nor does it faithfully follow the postulates of Bharata," she recently told an Indian newspaper.

Practice She said she is committed to trying out all the products of her research, including several books and research papers on dance, reconstructing the dance techniques as practised five centuries ago.

Classical dances are a "spiritual experience" for the deeply religious Padma and as such she has been acclaimed as being "sincere in approach" so that every one in the audience appreciates her performance.

She believes that "classical arts are not for the so-called elite who come (to performance) more to be seen". She is the first Indian dancer to bridge the gap between

theory and practice, reviving an obsolete dance technique by translating theoretical concepts into practice. She has also revived the technique of monodancing type of dance dramas. She has been widely acknowledged for her creativity as a choreographer, music composer and dancer. Her latest experimental choreography is her depiction of a few episodes of Ramayana, set to the overture of Romeo and Juliet of Tchaikovsky.

She has received several awards in India and abroad. Among them are the Padmasri from the President of India and the Soviet Nehru Award.

At her last performance at the IAC, Padma mesmerised audiences with her fluid dance movements and agility on stage. She is expected to perform at the IAC on Feb 26/27, but the dates have not yet been finalised.

HOURS of "solid soul" music will be provided by top artists at a series of concerts which will be held in Kuwait on Feb 16, 17, 18 and 19 as part of the most promising musical and cultural event of the decade — Soul to Soul for Africa.

Top international stars such as Odyssey, Heatwave, Aswad, Uthungo, Robe, Linda Lloyd and Zozo have begun arriving

## Soul to Soul for Africa

in the Gulf for their first concert in Abu Dhabi on Feb 2, followed by performances in Al Ain, Bahrain, Oman and Kuwait. The final concert will be staged in Dubai on Feb 23.

Made up of some of the world's greatest black music artists, Soul to Soul for Africa is

a registered charity whose ultimate aim is to raise funds for a mammoth Pan African worldwide festival which will be broadcast by satellite across the globe. It is hoped that the Middle East tour will raise 50 per cent of the funds needed to sponsor the final tour in Africa scheduled for June 1989.

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## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

#### MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.10 Good Morning  
9.15 Cartoon serial  
9.45 World News via Satellite  
10.00 Abna'a Al Diyah: Arabic serial; Part 3. Starring: Jamil Awadh, Juliet Safdi, Iman Kamel  
10.50 News Summary  
11.00 Al Zalek local serial: starring Mohammad Al Manes, Ayesha Ibrahim  
12.00 Studio Angham: variety show, presented by Mohammad Al Mutairi  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 Holy Quran Close-down

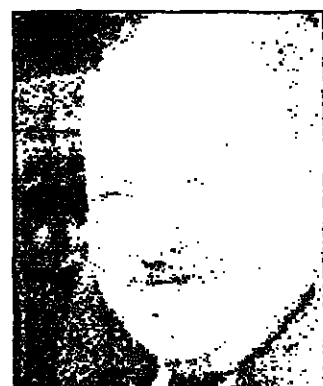
#### EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran  
4.15 World News via Satellite  
4.45 Cartoon serial  
5.15 Tum Tek and Children  
5.30 We and Our Friends  
6.00 Liqa Fi Al Zakira: historical serial; starring Fakhry Al Akidi, Fawzi Mahdi.

### KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Novelties: cartoon serial  
6.30 Fire Raiser: the children regroup to catch the fire raiser.  
7.00 Footsteps: "The Rose Red City." David Drew retraces a journey across Syria and Jordan.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 A Year in the Life: starring Richard Kiley.  
9.40 The Hit Squad: "Catch it before it busts." Loose: "It is a Pizza Cake." Sonny, on parole, comes to live with Mimi and her adopted family.  
10.30 "Baby Face." Jake and the prosecutor look into two murder cases.  
11.30 News Summary Magazine D'Actualite. Holy Quran Close-down

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



Jake and the Fatman, tonight at 10.30 pm on KTV2.

Nizar Al Samarai  
7.00 News Summary  
7.15 You and Your Health  
7.30 Likulli Sawal wa Jawab: presented by Farouk Omar  
8.30 Good Evening  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Al Jawaahir: Arabic serial; starring Safa Abul Saud, Salah Saadani, Yusuf Shaban, Mohsina Tawfiq  
11.30 Min Alf Ala Alaya: host Tareq Habib; guest: Yahya Shahin  
12.30 News Summary  
12.35 World News via Satellite. Holy Quran Close-down.

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

#### Ghadir Gallery

UNTIL Feb 9: The Orient in their Eyes is the title of an exhibition by a group of Arab and European artists. The exhibition is open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

### EXHIBITIONS

#### Children's Books of the Year 88

FEB 4-16: An exhibition of British books for children, written by award winning writers and illustrators, will be held at the British Council, Mansouria.

The programme is as follows: Feb. 4: Opening by Dr Rasha Al Sabah, Vice Rector for Community Affairs, Kuwait University. Elizabeth Al Kaoud will give a lecture on "From Tots to Teens, A Survey of British Literature for Children".

STORYTELLING SESSION: A professional storyteller will conduct the sessions. Feb 9-16 (9.30 - 10.30 am) a session for children aged seven to 10; (11 - 12 noon) stories for children aged three to six.

All are welcome. Free admission. But it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

### SOCIAL

#### Jumbo Circus

The Indian Jumbo Circus, Mishrif Grounds, has been extended by popular demand. Show timings are 5 pm and 8 pm.

### SPORTS

#### Laser Sailing

FEB 3: Start of Messilah Beach laser club's spring series. Feb 16/17: Messilah Beach open meeting: four days event over two days. All laser sailors wishing to participate in the above events, please contact Davey Clark: 4845171/2425947; P. Shepherd: 4841513/5314957; P. Berry 3924174.

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## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Youn Mir Youn Helu (Arabic)  
Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Muneer  
Al Salmiya  
Closed  
Al Hamra  
Delta Force Commando  
Starring: Fred Williamson  
Drive-in  
Al Jawazah Dimishq Lazim  
Tatum (Arabic)  
Starring: Hussein Fahmi, Bosi  
Al Firdous  
Sila (Hindi)  
Starring: Raj Kiran, Sadashiv Amrapurkar  
Fahad Open-air  
Balidan (Hindi)

Al Fahad  
Raising Arizona  
Al Jahra  
Jogajoc (Bengali)  
Granada  
Adholokam (Hindi)  
Snaikhkhat  
The Junkman  
Al Jeeb  
Full Metal Jacket  
Almadhi Drive-in  
Al Shaitan Yaghami (Arabic)

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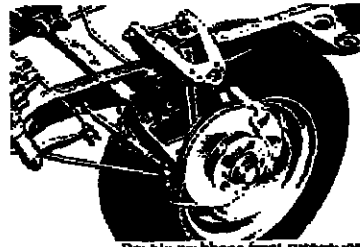
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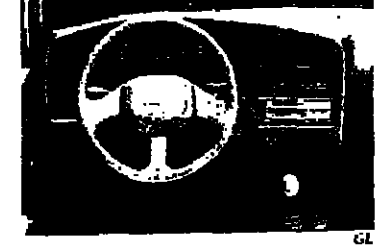
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## ARAB TIMES

### Thought for today

IMAGINATION has always had powers of resurrection that no science can match — Ingrid Bengis, US author (1944 —).

## Aircraft drone dominates Kabul

By Oliver Wates

KABUL (Reuters): Night and day the drone of aircraft engines permeates the chill air of Kabul reminding anxious citizens that the remaining Soviet troops will soon be gone and a new uncertainty will emerge.

Soviet soldiers are not seen on the streets, although there are about 25,000 of them still in Kabul, according to one UN source. In less than three weeks they are expected to have gone.

Each giant Ilyushin-76 which climbs into the clear winter sky, scattering magnesium flares to decoy missiles, is taking home some 250 Soviet soldiers or 40 tonnes of military equipment.

Despite bold government assurances that nothing will change after the pullout deadline of Feb 15, the two million people of Kabul are anxious and uncertain about their future.

"They are hoping for the best, but in their heart of hearts they are planning for the worst," one Western diplomat commented.

"Nobody knows what will happen — nobody," a civil servant said in a typical comment.

The mujahideen rebels in the mountains which form a spectacular white ring around the city have sworn to crush the Soviet-backed government.

Many of the rich are not waiting to find out whether they succeed. The seven flights each week to India — Kabul's only direct link with the non-communist world — are packed.

In the meantime Kabul is curiously quiet for a city under threat of siege. The Western-backed rebels have virtually suspended rocket attacks for the past two months.

"Either they have no strength or they are waiting," Soviet General Lev Serbrev commented.

Helicopters scud protectively around the airport at low level when planes take off and land, and occasional outgoing artillery fire can be heard.

But business is brisk in the markets and the roads are crowded in daytime despite a severe, although usual, petrol shortage.

Noose  
The mujahideen who control most of the countryside have put a noose around Kabul, reinforced by heavy snowfalls — this is one of the coldest winters in recent years.

Only the Salang highway, north to the Soviet border, is open, after a fierce battle earlier this week.

## Uprising can't be quelled: Israeli Army concedes

By Paul Taylor

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM. (Reuters): Despite official optimism, Army commanders are telling Israel's political leaders there is no prospect of ending a 13-month Palestinian uprising by military force, amid signs of a malaise in the ranks.

In closed-door briefings, Chief of Staff Dan Shomron, area commander and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin have told the cabinet and parliament this month the most they can do is contain violence for a while in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Rabin admitted that two of Israel's most criticised methods of countering unrest — expelling senior activists and demolishing the homes of Palestinians accused of acts of violence — are ineffectual, parliamentary sources said.

"The general staff is giving the government a gloomy picture. The uprising is likely to continue with more or less the same level of daily violence indefinitely, and the troops are fed up," a defence official said.

Frustrated  
Jerusalem Post military correspondent Kenneth Kaplan wrote in an analysis: "The message being conveyed by a frustrated military, in increasingly strident tones to the politicians and the Israeli public, is that it has exhausted its ideas."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir received two unwelcome jolts this month.

First Shomron told parliament's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee: "There is no such thing as eradicating the intifada (uprising) because in its essence it expresses the struggle of nationalism."

Then angry reservists in the

Many Kabulis have bought stocks of food against the uncertain future and two weeks ago supplies ran low of flour for the staple "nan" unleavened bread.

Children and women queued for hours in the cold for a loaf of bread, prompting the United Nations to draw up contingency plans for an emergency food supply programme.

Moscow reacted quickly, sending in plane loads of flour in its IL-76s. The queues diminished but flour, kerosene and petrol remained scarce.

But the city's main market was full of fruit and vegetables, though prices were high. Cabbages sold at 70 afghanis and potatoes at 70 afghanis for seven kg — only 33 US cents at black market rates but expensive for a family on the average Kabul monthly wage of 3,000 afghanis.

Supplies are vulnerable to the weather and the mujahideen. Cauliflowers at 100 afghanis (50 cents) were 150 afghanis (75 cents) only two weeks ago and can go up again just as quickly.

The tension over food was underlined when Soviet troops handed out sacks of flour to favoured workers at a Kabul factory on Wednesday.

Dozens of small tussles over the 70-kg (150-lb) sacks restored order as Western reporters watched.

While Kabul has an air of normality in daytime, at night it is a different story. Evening entertainment is virtually non-existent, guards at dozens of checkpoints throughout the city halt oncoming traffic with a stamp of the foot, a ferocious shout and a levelled gun.

Western diplomats say the final stage of the withdrawal — 50,000-55,000 men — began in early January. About 5,000-6,000, mainly technical and support staff, have crossed over the border by land.

Serbrev told reporters on Wednesday that the Soviet troops' only duties in Kabul were guarding the airport jointly with the Afghan Army. The city's main defence perimeter had been handed over to the Afghan Armed Forces, he said.

Serbrev, the Soviet second-in-command, declined to give any details or numbers, saying only with a grin: "The withdrawal is continuing."

Between 15 and 20 IL-76s fly in each day from Tashkent or Fergana in Soviet Uzbekistan, bringing flour and taking home soldiers and equipment. At night, the city hums with the sound of turboprop transports.

## Superpowers in poison arms race

# US and USSR stockpiling chemical weapons

By Peter Grier

WASHINGTON: The United States and Soviet Union are stockpiling lethal chemical weapons in a poison race eerily reminiscent of their competition in nuclear arms.

Moscow has a large toxic arsenal built up by years of steady production. US chemical weapons factories, quiet since 1969, rumbled back to life in December 1987 — and the Pentagon is planning further upgrades of US chemical offence and defence capability.

Among plans for modernisation:

- A special Pentagon "Deep Fire" study group is considering new long-range chemical weapons. One option: chemical-tipped cruise missiles.
- A new and classified type of lethal nerve agent is under development. The US is designing the agent for use in a new warhead, the Multiple Launch Rocket System, which enters production in 1990.
- Deadly mixed cocktails of venom and other natural poisons, believed under development by the Soviets, are increasingly worrying the Pentagon. Development of masks and suits that can stop new agents is a top US military priority.

While nuclear weapons threaten the brute horror of obliteration, chemical war would be a ghastly painter's art, with wind-borne streaks of poison laid across the battlefield.

**Banned**  
The US has pledged never to use nerve gas or other poisons first in a conflict. Top government officials say chemical weapons are repugnant and should be banned from the face of the earth. At the same time the weapons are an integral part of US defence and — to some officers — a weapon like any other.

"It's hard to claim degrees of morality when you're dealing with weapons systems that are designed to kill people," says Gen. Gerald Watson, commander of the US Army Chemical School.

Well-trained troops with good masks and suits can survive a gas attack without mass casualties. But protective gear can slow soldiers down, as if they were fighting sealed in a giant garbage bag. Chemicals can snarl the chessboard of a battlefield, blocking routes of attack or escape and stealing time from a less-protected enemy.

The Monitor interviewed Defence Department officials at installations all over the country for this report. In addition, much information was gleaned from declassified transcripts of secret congressional hearings held over the past 10 years.

**Effective**  
Critics of the US possession of chemical weapons hold that, because troops can be protected, the weapons are good only for massing civilians.

To some in the Pentagon, the weapons are the embodiment of the fog of war, a weapon that greatly complicates an enemy's calculations and thus is capable of having a decisive effect in any future conflict.

"They are extraordinarily

effective weapons," says Thomas Welch, deputy assistant for chemical matters in the Defence Department.

It took a bitter fight on Capitol Hill before chemical weapon production could resume in 1987, after an 18-year lull. Many members of Congress felt that the US, with its nuclear arsenal, didn't need new chemical weapons to offset the Soviets' chemical stockpile.

Democratic Rep. Dante Fascell of Florida remains particularly critical of US plans to modernise the chemical weapons inventory.

"You need to keep a lid on their use," he says. "I understand that you have to be 'strong on defence.' But being strong does not mean spending a lot of money foolishly."

By now chemical war has become a Pentagon growth industry. In 1983, chemical-related military spending totalled \$597 million, the bulk of which went for the purchase of defensive equipment. In 1988, chemical appropriations totalled \$1.07 billion — \$777 million for defence, \$98 million for "binary" weapons, and \$198 million allocated to destroy old chemical stocks. (Binary weapons hold canisters of two harmless chemicals, which become lethal upon firing the weapon).

**Stockpile**  
Today the US stockpile of chemical weapons is divided into old and new. The new stockpile is made up of binary weapons. The old includes chemical-filled shells, rockets, mines, and spray tanks made before the 1969 moratorium. Most are filled with nerve gas: a few contain less-lethal mustard gas.

The Pentagon considers 90 per cent of the old weapons to be unusable antiques. Old nerve gas rockets are particularly unstable; inspections locate an average of 64 leaking rockets a year.

"Leaking," however, does not mean nerve agent is running out to the ground, says Army Brig. Gen. David Nydam, manager of chemical demilitarisation. It means that small amounts of vapour are escaping into the air.

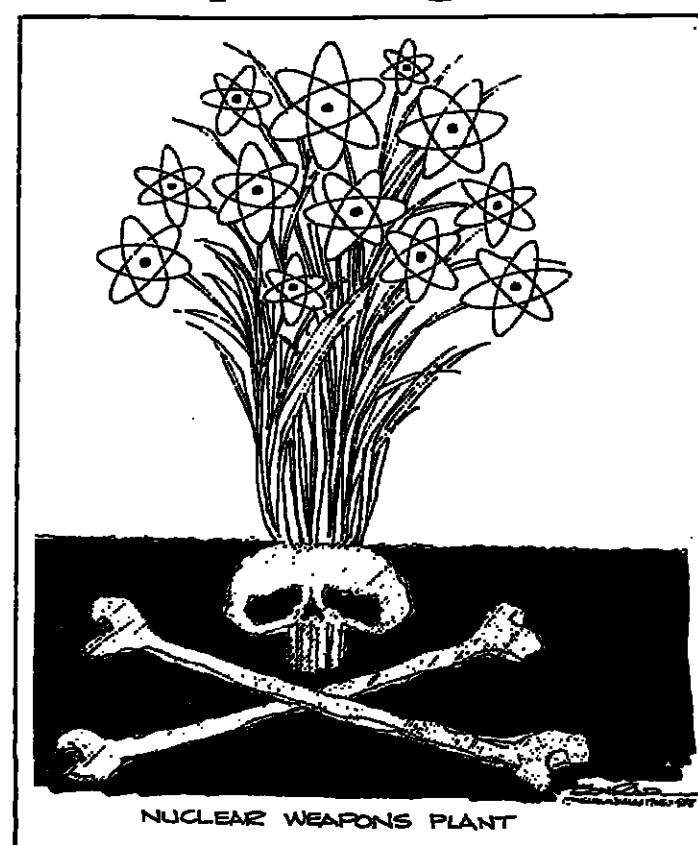
The Army plans to incinerate these chemical weapons where they are stored, at eight posts in the continental US and one on Johnston Island in the Pacific. Because work on the incinerators is just beginning, the Army estimates the destruction will probably not be finished until 1997.

**Toxicity**  
Pentagon officials say the new binary weapons are much safer to store than old "unitary" weapons. In fact, the Department of Defence, by law, cannot store the two chemicals for a binary weapon at the same depot. In a conflict, the two canisters would be shipped separately overseas and assembled into a working weapon in the battle zone.

The first US binaries, 155-mm artillery shells, began rolling off an assembly line at Pine Bluff Arsenal in Arkansas last December. Two other types are in development.

Each of the three new binary weapons is planned for a different battlefield purpose. Army commanders say:

- The artillery shell, loaded with short-lasting nerve gas, is inten-



ded to hit areas close to the front. Since the chemical would quickly lose its toxicity, US troops could then occupy the area.

- A rocket warhead intended for targets behind the forward line of battle is in the final stages of engineering development.

The Pentagon is developing a secret type of lethal chemical for use in the new rocket, according to congressional documents recently declassified. Likely another variety of nerve gas, "it will stick around for a couple of hours," said Col Robert Orton, head of the Army's chemical weapons modernization programme, before a congressional panel last spring.

A chemical of intermediate longevity could be used to clear a more distant area for US troops to move into.

- The purpose of the third weapon, the "Bigeye" bomb, is to douse targets, such as airfields, deep in enemy territory with long-lasting chemical agents.

The Bigeye has had its problems. "It has a tendency to explode in flight," but the Pentagon claims that recent tests show its problems have been eliminated.

What has generally escaped public notice is that this new chemical bomb is intended only in part as a counter to Soviet forces. As a weapon capable of use by Navy carrier planes, it is also supposed to scare potential Third World aggressors.

... in the Middle East, the weapon of choice, the weapon of need, is the Bigeye," said Dr Welch, deputy assistant for chemical matters in the Defence Department, in a congressional session earlier this year.

NATO planners believe that fixed installations — ports, command centres, airfields — could be particularly vulnerable to chemical attack.

"Virtually any piece of key terrain can be made less desirable by contamination," notes an Army manual on nuclear and chemical operations.

Chemical war would not involve huge gas clouds rolling

over thousands of troops. US commanders say contamination would be localized to small units. Still, this does not mean the effects of chemical battle would be less than horrific.

"Chemical warfare would not be a pretty sight by any stretch of the imagination," says Maj Fred Evans of the Army's Chemical School at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Nerve gas and other modern poisons are highly lethal to unprotected humans. A pinprick, a whiff, a drop, can kill. But relatively simple devices can defend against chemical attack — at least for a short period of time.

**Protective**  
In the early 1980s, congressional investigators uncovered what they judged to be "serious neglect" in the Pentagon's chemical defensive capability. Since then, the Defence Department has devoted much money and time to development and production of new masks and other equipment. But congressional critics say the US still lags behind the Soviet Union in chemical defensive coverage.

Army troops are issued charcoal-impregnated gas masks, hoods, suits, gloves, and overboots to encase themselves.

Properly worn, the ensemble can protect against all known nerve and mustard gases. But the equipment is mostly of old design, and does have its quirks. An Army equipment manual warns that the zipper on the chemical hood sticks easily. Soldiers in European manoeuvres have been known to have mud suck the overboots right off their feet.

US forces have various group protective devices, from inflatable tents with air filters to concrete chemical shelters now being installed at US Air Force bases in Western Europe. But few large military vehicles have built-in chemical protection for their crews.

The newest M-1 tanks have an air-pressure system that keeps gas out, but older tank models do not. Navy ships are particularly

vulnerable to chemical attack: only one, the Marine assault ship *Bellauga Wood*, has the filters and air system necessary to protect crews without gas masks. Nor can the fleet be retrofitted with collective protection filters.

Detection devices are another US defensive gap. Individual soldiers use detection paper — a cousin of litmus paper — which changes colour in the presence of chemical weapons.

More sophisticated electronic alarms are issued to reconnaissance units, but even they require the user to be in, or perilously close to, the chemical cloud before detection.

Army chemical officers say they hope someday to have the capability to spot chemical clouds from far away. Laser and infrared vapour detectors are among the technologies being tested.

Decontamination of equipment is still done using scrub brushes and bleach. The Army hopes someday to make decontamination a much easier process. One goal, says an officer at the Army Chemical School, is a neutralizing chemical that could simply be sprinkled over contaminated vehicles or areas, rendering them safe.

**Advantage**  
The biggest problem with defensive gear may be that wearing it greatly reduces fighting effectiveness. The side that uses poison first, forcing its enemy to button up, could gain a tactical advantage.

Army officers are reluctant to discuss details of how much US troops in masks and suits would be slowed down. Maj. Gen. Gerald Watson, "Chemical School commander," says only that on a "hot day," "loss of combat capability would be in excess of 50 per cent." Tests ran by Army doctors in the summer of 1985 showed that in a hot, humid environment, wearing a full protective gear severely limited soldier endurance, "according to the report."

Among the findings: Howitzer crews in gear could last only two to four hours in high temperatures; their firing rate was one-half to one-quarter the normal rate during that time; the average time a tank crew member could stand wearing mask and suit was 6.3 hours.

Heat might not be the only problem. "A lot of research is being done at the Army's research and development centre in Natick, Mass., found that:

- The standard-issue gas mask "imposes serious impairment on functional vision."
- Dexterity while wearing protective gloves was "considerably impaired."
- Two conversing while wearing mask and hood were able to understand only 64 per cent of words spoken — below what the report says is "the minimally acceptable level."

One prominent critic of the US chemical warfare programme is sceptical of such findings. Harvard biochemist Matthew Meselson claims the Defence Department purposely exaggerates the debilitating effects of protective gear to establish that defensive equipment alone is not good enough to deter chemical use. The Pentagon uses this to justify production of offensive chemical weapons, he charges.

Dr Meselson, who has been known to lecture wearing a gas mask, says that chemical gear would be a minor irritant compared with the noise, fear, and smoke of a modern battlefield.

"The Duke of Wellington's troops fought in gigantic bearskins which make chemical suits look like gabardines," Meselson says. He concludes that the effectiveness of simple defensive measures in fact means that chemicals are weapons of only marginal military use.

For its part, the Pentagon adopts a deterrence argument in advocating US possession of chemical weapons. It runs: Chemical weapons are effective

weapons of war. The Soviets have them in great supply. If we don't have them, the Soviets might use them against us.

Furthermore, new weapons are needed to fit in with modern tactics and to match Soviet advances. "There is always going to be a need for a modernized stockpile," Welch of the Pentagon says, echoing arguments traditionally made in defence of new nuclear weapons.

Thus, even as the first binary chemical shells come out of production, Pentagon planners are considering what other types of nerve agents to propose in the years ahead. Advances in electronics and sensors that allow munitions to be guided more precisely could be applicable to chemical weaponry, Welch says.

Quietly, by order of an obscure paragraph in a congressional military spending bill, a Pentagon study group called "Deep Fire" was created in the last year to look at deep-strike weapons more sophisticated than the Bigeye bomb. A key purpose would be to bolster the Navy's ability to threaten Middle East trouble spots with chemicals.

According to declassified congressional documents, both air — and sea-launched cruise missiles are being considered for this role. Another option is the GBU-15, a laser-guided glide bomb.

For the short term, the superpower chemical arms race involves new ways of delivering deadly chemicals. The chemicals themselves, mainly varieties of nerve gas, have remained largely unchanged for 40 years. But there are sobering hints in congressional testimony and documents, and official comments that a whole new generation of poisons, more potent than those that have been made, is being developed. And could soon be in the chemical arms race.

At issue are so-called novel agents. The building blocks of some of these new agents are natural poisons, such as rattlesnake venom. Technical advances now allow different venoms to be artificially produced, and then combined into an entirely new deadly mix.

Pentagon sources say they are worried that the Soviets are fielding such weapons, and that current US stocks and suits will be less against them.

Dr Robert Barker, assistant to the secretary of defence for atomic energy, last year told a secret House hearing: "In the next few years, the (chemical) defensive programme is going to be primarily directed at trying to address the issue of new or 'novel' agents," according to the declassified transcript.

Whether the Defence Department is working on its own novel agents is an open question. It was asked at the House hearing by Democratic Rep. Norman Dicks of Washington.

"We are grappling with that question right now," Welch replied. "We do have a programme running at around \$10 million a year, as we have had for the last 10 years, that looks at new chemical agents and new chemical munitions. So we are keeping our R&D (research and development) option open."

The Christian Science Monitor.

**Deadliest month**  
WASHINGTON, Jan 30, (UPI): The United States' capital recorded its deadliest month ever in January, and experts predict the death toll could reach more than 600 by the end of the year if the murderous trend continues.

Many of the killings are blamed on drugs.

Six fatal shootings during the weekend — including one claiming a 15-year-old boy — have brought to 49 the number of homicides this month. That total is five more than the previous monthly record and 12 more than last January's total.

## Pacific islands face severe problems

By Jeremy Clift

MAJURO, Marshall Islands. (Reuters): Children play barefoot beneath the coconut trees along a shoreline of rotting garbage, twisted debris and rusting car wrecks.

Crumpled beer cans litter the coral sand and flies swarm round a soiled disposable diaper.

Robert Louis Stevenson called Majuro "the pearl of the Pacific". Today the capital of the scattered chain of Pacific atolls known as the Marshall Islands is more like a slum, dependent on US aid and compensation from nuclear testing.

**Rocked**  
Politicians and economists believe the "Pacific century" is approaching. But as the new age dawns, the region's remote island nations are struggling to adjust to an alien world which has ended their isolation and brought the bomb to their doorstep.

In the centre of Majuro, the Nuclear Claims Tribunal Office receives claims for compensation for a series of US nuclear tests in the Marshall Islands between 1946 and 1958.

Sixty-six tests rocked Bikini and Eniwetok atolls in those 12 years. Six islands were obliterated and 40 years later others remain uninhabitable because of high radiation levels.

From the small island of Yap in the west where giant pieces of stone money are still used for

some deals, to Kiribati, which straddles the international dateline, the Pacific nations face daunting challenges.

In interviews with Reuters correspondents, Pacific leaders, officials and economists saw growing opportunities for the island states in the coming century, but were concerned there could be an increase in big power rivalry in an area which has been a testing ground for French, British, Chinese and US nuclear weapons.

They predicted the Pacific century would arrive as trade fuelled by the rapidly expanding economies of Japan, South Korea and Taiwan, as well as the United States, helped tilt the world's centre of political gravity.

"We are witnessing just the beginning of a new era. We are building the foundation blocks for that era in the last years of this century," retiring US ambassador to Tokyo Mike Mansfield said this month.

**Trade**  
He noted that US trans-Pacific trade rose to \$250 billion last year from \$220 billion in 1975.

There will be a shift of the world's economic activity away from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean in the next century, said Savinata Siwatibu, the head of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (ESCAP) based in the Vanuatu capital of Port Vila.

"The island countries are in the midst of it all. I think a great

prospect is there," he said.

Fiji's Chamber of Commerce President Mulchand Patel said: "We hope the major countries of the Pacific rim will realise the investment potential of the island nations. There are a lot of resources in the Pacific basin area that can be tapped, but the people of the Pacific must get a fair share of the wealth."

But Samoan-born novelist and academic Albert Wendt said increased foreign aid was dwarfed by a greater increase in the exploitation of the islands for nuclear tests, mining and fishing.

**Aid**  
Overseas aid makes up more than half the national budgets of islands such as Tuvalu, Tonga and Western Samoa. In the former US trust territories of Micronesia the figure is even higher.

"We are now in the middle of a new grab of the Pacific," said Wendt, who lives in the New Zealand city of Auckland. "Once you get tied into foreign aid, you don't have any sovereignty. We are not in an enviable position — the future is not very bright."

"The prosperity of the Asian countries will rub off on us but what does that mean when our waters are filled with foreign fishing boats and there are nuclear tests on our doorstep?" Wendt said.

Japan, which ruled Micronesia from the end of World War I to 1945, sees little hope these Western Pacific islands could

become self-supporting despite rich fishing grounds and the prospects for deep-sea mining.

"It is difficult for the Pacific islands to be economically independent because most of them are endowed with only minimal natural resources," said a Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman.

**Difficult**

The Pacific seabed is a large store of cobalt, manganese and nickel, but the technology to recover the minerals economically does not exist yet.

Development has created growing political strains. Fiji has seen two military coups, with the indigenous Fijians overthrowing the Indian-dominated government. New Caledonia is engaged in a conflict between French settlers and the local Kanaks, and the Vanuatu government has been at the centre of major constitutional upheavals.

In many of the islands the population is booming, creating new strains on housing, health services and schools.

In the Marshall Islands, a population growing by 4.24 per cent a year translates into one of the fastest growth rates in the world with more than half the population under 14 years of age.

"We're already in a crisis situation," said an education ministry official in Majuro. "We cannot provide effective elementary education to children in urban areas."



# REAL ESTATE

AN ARAB TIMES SUPPLEMENT

Hopes for better times ahead

## Cautious optimism in Kuwait's real estate market

By Jadranka Porter

KUWAIT'S real estate agents have mixed feelings about what the future holds in store but most agree that more co-operation from landlords could make their job easier.

Varied descriptions of the current market situation and future prospects stem partly from vastly different professional standards in the business, that includes one-man set-ups and offices equipped to find, let out and maintain a property as well as provide advice.

Some of Kuwait's real estate agents have begun 1989 on an uncertain note with no clear indicators that the market will grow.

The business for many remains unpredictable. They indulge in hopes of better times ahead and memories of flourishing trade at the turn of the decade.

"There are months when I don't manage to let out a single flat or villa. And there are months when I sign 10 rental agreements," says Mohammed Shihada of Al Khadra Real Estate Office.

### Helpless

Many agents feel helpless. They say decisions that could inject the real estate business with new life have to be made at levels higher than the real estate business.

"What we need is a general revival of the economy, more projects to be released and higher salaries," said Shihada.

Others, such as the Bushahri Real Estate Establishment, forge ahead confidently saying that 1988 was good and this year is expected to be even better. They manage to rent out flats while buildings are still under construction and do not lack clients. The due to their success is reliable service which goes well beyond the basics.

Bushahri Real Estate help their clients with information...

on where to obtain furniture, water and electricity bills, schools and even help clients get documents from the mukhtar required by the Public Authority for Civil Information. But they do admit that housing allowances are lower than they used to be, a fact that many landlords fail to register.

The expatriate housing allowances which ranged from KD 500 to KD 700 on average in 1981-82, have dropped to about KD 300.

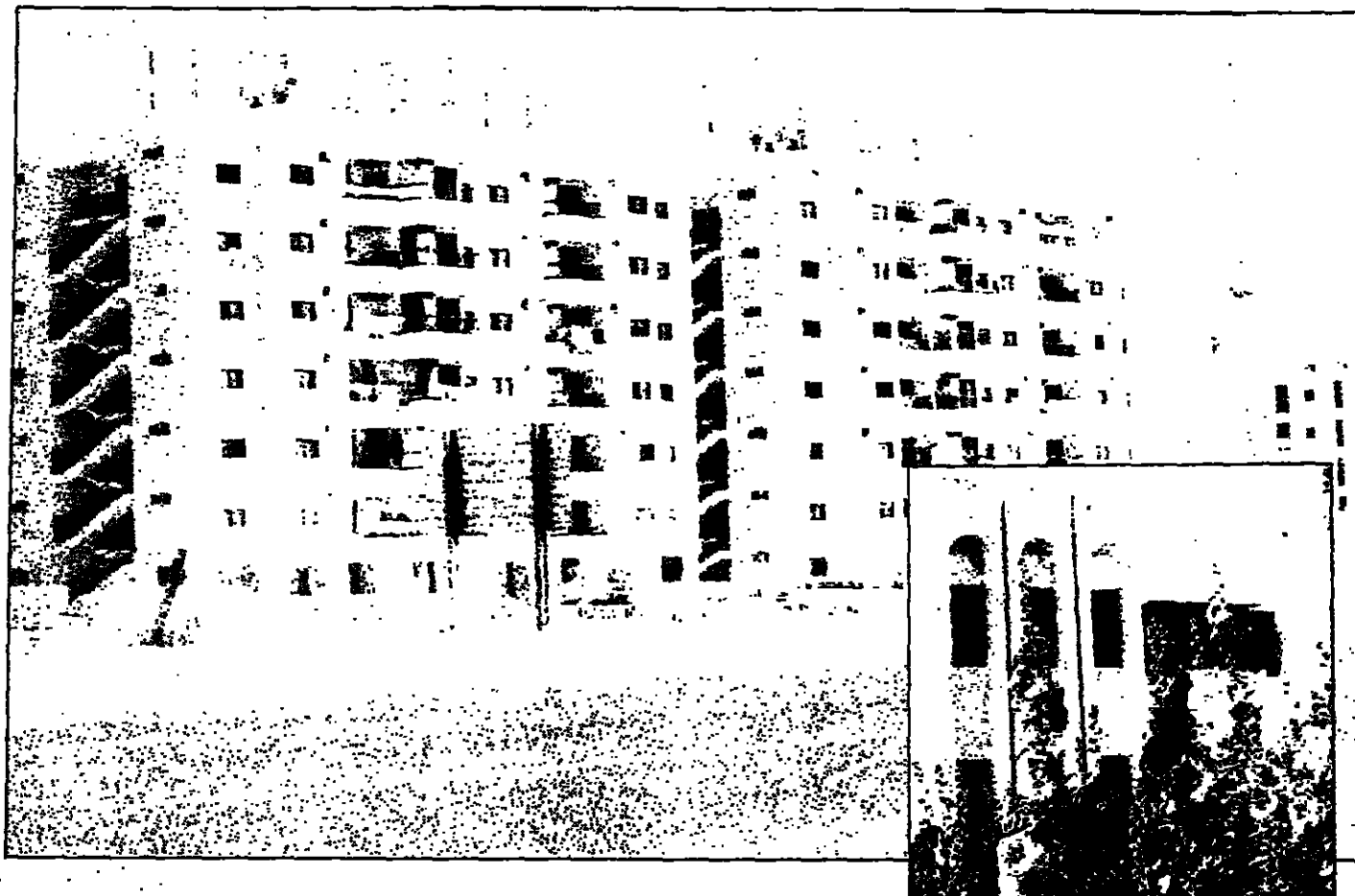
A curve depicting the rent fluctuations peaked in 1984. A KD 400 rent for a three-bedroom flat in 1980 shot up to KD 700 in 1984 and thereafter gradually declined to the present KD 500. A house which fetched KD 1,300 in 1982 was available at KD 625 in 1987. Companies which offered a rent allowance of KD 1,200 to KD 1,500 per month have got rid of high-salaried people, said Carol Wells of Bushahri Real Estate. Chief executives now have a housing allowance of KD 600 while an allowance of KD 300 is much more common.

Bushahri Real Estate is cautiously optimistic about the business this year. Rents began creeping up in mid-1987 and Wells expects the trend to continue.

### Contradictions

Bushahri Real Estate have noted an increase in rents of five to 10 per cent in the past six months, and Wells hopes landlords will fix their rents to suit the market. Many landlords have yet to wake up to the fact that even ambassadors don't get a housing allowance of KD 3,000 she said.

Kuwait's market is



A newly constructed block of flats in Kuwait and (inset) a villa. It is estimated that there are 30,000 empty flats in Kuwait. (Photo by Javed Basra)

saturated with real estate offices and rental properties. Shihada has over 100 villas waiting to be occupied.

The market has been marked with contradictions for years. When it was booming there were few agents to handle the business. When the market slumped real estate offices mushroomed. Some

agents dropped out of the scene.

These were mainly 'agents' who had jumped on the bandwagon when business was good. Shihada himself took a two-year break from the real estate business and has returned to it only recently.

Others, like Ibrahim Balouchi who runs an import/export firm, made real estate a

side business. The number of estate agents is now running into hundreds, with many offices being just a one-man operation.

Their overheads were minimal, as was their service, and they could afford to wait out the bad spell.

Another contradiction is visible in reports about the number of surplus vacant flats

on the one hand, and long waiting lists for good and reasonably priced properties on the other.

According to official reports there are some 30,000 empty flats in Kuwait. But there are also waiting lists for some upmarket properties such as the Zahra residential complex where rents range from KD 650 to KD 850.

Most real estate agents clamour for European clients and diplomats. The Europeans are in demand because their housing allowances are comparatively higher and they put practical considerations before luxury.

The Europeans also have a reputation for looking after the property. "They make a house, a comfortable home as quickly as possible," said Wells. But they also demand a wide range of facilities and maintenance service, something one-man outfits cannot offer.

### Spacious

Diplomats look for spacious villas available at a high monthly rent. The prospect of letting out property to diplomats is attractive since the agent's commission amounts to a month's rent.

A number of property owners have set up real estate agencies to rent out their own houses and flats. Among these are the Sultan Real Estate which manages the Zahra complex and Kuwait Real Estate Investment Consortium which rents out flats in 14 buildings it owns.

Several agents interviewed by the Arab Times said they would like to see agents in Kuwait adopt what are considered to be the minimal requirements in markets with a long history. They say that the market knows few rules and regulations.

They level their complaints at landlords who, anxious to make a fast rental agreement, deal with as many agents as possible. In addition they advertise in newspapers and put up a 'for sale' sign on the property. This causes

confusion, with agents never being quite sure whether the property is still available.

Clients are often taken to the same house by different agents, that is when the key, usually kept by the landlord, is available.

Shihada says there is no way to control landlords. Some landlords and tenants fail to pay the agent's commission. The commission is evenly split between the landlord and the tenant. One agent said that on several occasions he was not given his commission. These cases involved landlords and tenants from the diplomatic corps. Both groups could be difficult to pressure in meeting their obligations. The agent said he gave up chasing them as the legal cost of extracting the money due to him would be higher than the sum they owed him.

### Test

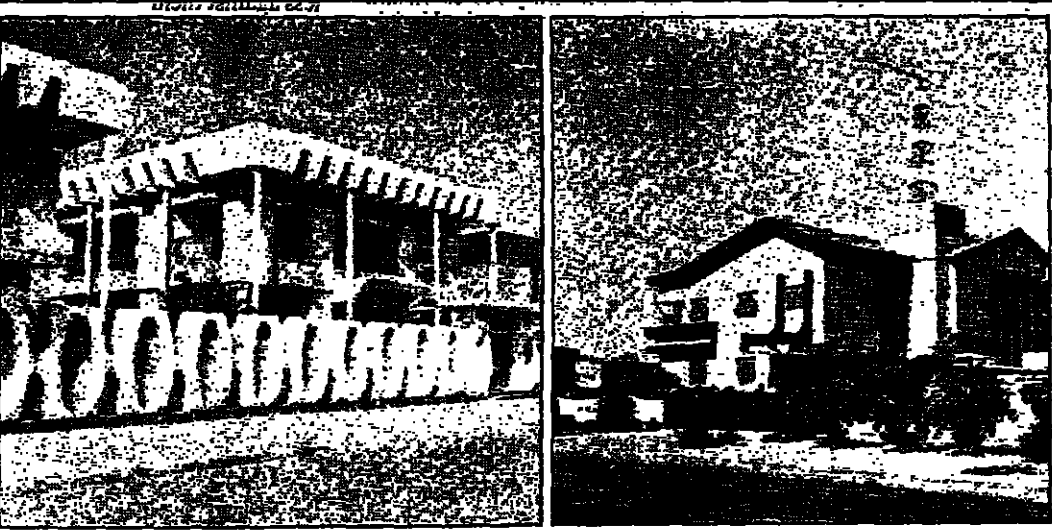
The estate agents' powers of persuasion are often put to the test when they try to get the landlord and the tenant to agree on the rent. Landlords are often not even prepared to meet the tenant half way, said Wells.

"The tenant is far more fixed in his ability to pay than the landlord is in his ability to negotiate," said Wells. Stubborn landlords often end up losers. A reputable estate agent is unlikely to do business with a landlord who is unreasonably demanding.

Property maintenance is another area where disagreements are common. Larger repairs and renovation are the landlord's responsibility. But there are landlords who expect the tenant to pay for repairs of the central air conditioning.

"Landlords should expect to put a percentage of their rental income towards maintenance. After all it is their own property. They have to allow for the fact that

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Architectural design in Kuwait is varied, as these private homes illustrate.

## How to find the 'near perfect' place in Kuwait

Carol Wells, a local real estate agent advises our readers — tenants and landlords, on what to expect in the real estate market.

ARE you new in Kuwait and looking for accommodation? Even if you are just looking to move from your present location you may be interested in how a real estate establishment can help you.

Firstly you have to phone one, either getting the number from the classified ads in the Arab Times or from a friend or colleague who can recommend someone to you.

This will enable you to ascertain where and what apartments or villas are available. A vast number of empty properties ranging in price between KD 100 to KD 3,000 are vacant at the moment throughout Kuwait. Obviously not all agents carry all the properties on their computers or lists and many are duplicated.

At present there is quite a shortage of property in the KD 450 - KD 600 range but, since landlords decide to make property available for rent, almost daily the situation changes from week to week. Expatriate clients have high

expectations of what they are looking for. Often a villa is their first choice but the price, or condition of the property compared to what has just been left behind in the old home country will change their mind. Not always though.

For many people a garden is so important — somewhere to sit on a nice evening, a private BBQ area perhaps or a safe enclosed area for small children, is worth the expense of the furniture needed to fill it and a live-in maid to help with the extra housework.

Standards Thousands of us live in apartments all over Kuwait and more exacting standards are now expected. For the most, new, quality buildings, central air conditioning (and heating), fitted kitchens and wardrobes, and well appointed bathrooms in pale colours are essential.

Some form of car parking arrangements, and a safe area for children is also important. Facilities like swimming pools and tennis or squash courts are

also preferred to be near the home base.

Surprisingly enough these simple requirements are not so easy to find in Kuwait. The landlords who have incorporated these features find themselves the owners of easily rented property, and very often a waiting list of prospective tenants. An apartment like this will cost about KD 500/- or more per month.

Complexes, a relatively new innovation here but quite common throughout the Gulf are becoming more popular within the expatriate population and become little communities on their own, the residents enjoying security and friendship all within a few metres of their front door.

### Criteria

Each tenant has different criteria when making his choice of a new home. The importance of its closeness to schools, shops, place of work and his budget varies between individuals. Even the number of bedrooms needed is an important consideration in the search for the "perfect new home." And this it seems is never available — at the moment.

When you make your call, tell the real estate agent what you want. Be as exact as you can and then you can be justifiably irritated when you are shown around 5 blocks of flats having specifically asked to look at villas or vice versa.

Initial impressions play quite a large part in the decision to rent a place. Newly painted, clean, and tidy property is far more attractive than one that the landlord promises to have "made good" after the contracts are signed.

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## Moving house? Some handy tips

### Two weeks before

- Start packing, unless the removal firm has agreed to pack for you, and label each container with its contents.
- Run down the freezer — this should never be moved when full.
- Draw up a list of any furnishings you are leaving behind (such as curtains and carpets).
- Arrange for any fitted carpets you are not leaving behind to be taken up.
- Using graph paper, work out where your furniture will fit in your new home and give a copy to the packer in charge on removal day.
- Arrange disconnection of kitchen appliances, and for the gas and electricity meters to be read or services disconnected as appropriate.
- Contact the hospital if you are moving to a new area and arrange registration.
- Arrange the handing over of keys.

### The day before

- Ensure transit packing is in place in washing machines and that fridges and freezers are empty and doors secured firmly with tape.
- Dismantle self-assembly furniture.
- Take down curtains and blinds.
- Pack foodstuffs and toiletries.
- On the day
- Arrange for children and pets to be looked after.
- Strip the beds.
- Pack the final cases.
- Organise a "first out/last on" box of necessities and label it accordingly.
- Stick "do not remove" labels on items you want to take with you.

- Removal companies will:
- Dismantle beds.
- Take down pictures and other wall decorations.
- Pack and unpack fragile china and glass if agreed with the estimator.
- Take up and re-lay loose floorings.

### They will not:

- Disconnect appliances.
- Take people or pets in the van.
- Take down curtains, dismantle fitted or self-assembly furniture.
- Pack food.
- Carry inflammable materials.

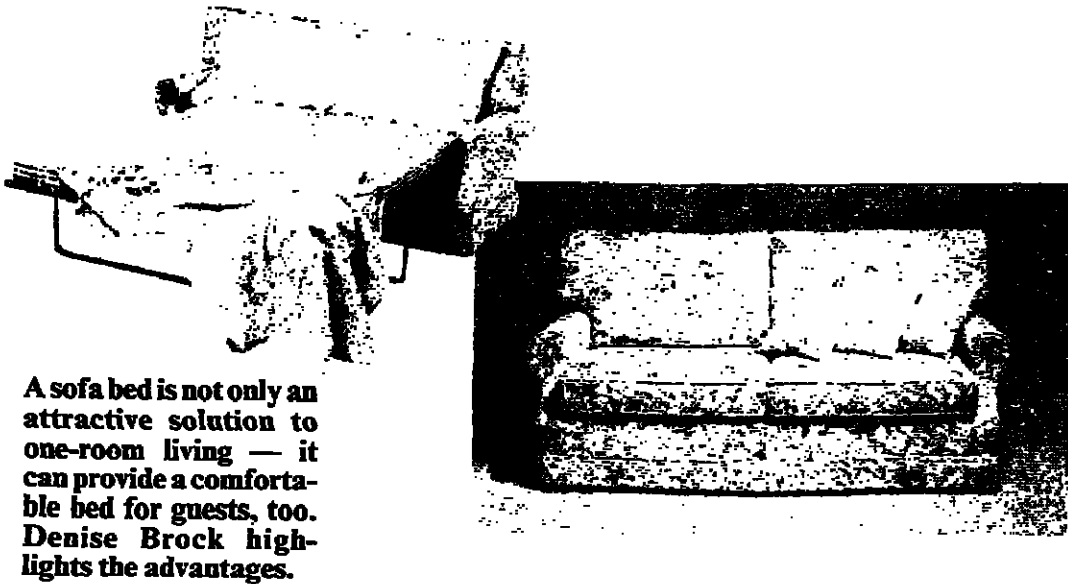
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A sofa bed is not only an attractive solution to one-room living — it can provide a comfortable bed for guests, too. Denise Brock highlights the advantages.

A SOFA bed is a great investment providing an everyday item of furniture and a valuable extra bed, ideal for accommodating guests.

When closed a sofa bed looks like an ordinary sofa, so sophisticated are the designs, and although the cost is often high you are really paying for two pieces of furniture.

For this reason it is well worth aiming for the best quality you can afford, as the comfort and durability will undoubtedly be greatly increased.

Many sofa styles are also made as sofa beds, provided the base will hold a folding bed mechanism. This is the most familiar type of sofa bed. The seat cushions are removed and a folding metal frame with a mattress is pulled out, then unfolded from the sofa base to make a bed. The mattress is similar to that on a bed but much thinner, being between 5 cm and 12 cm thick, and either made of linked coil springs or of foam. The mattress is supported on a base of either linked wire mesh or wood slats or partly rubber webbing and partly wood slats. These pull-out mechanisms can be fitted into a vast variety of styles and can be matched to an ordinary sofa and armchairs for a completely co-ordinated look.

Sofa beds that have fold-out foam seat cushions to make a floor-level mattress are cheaper. They are light and easy to convert but the low level may make them unsuitable for elderly guests to use.

Other styles adapt so that the whole sofa folds flat to make a bed. The mattress is formed from the sofa back and seat and sometimes the duvet is incorporated within the design. These styles are sometimes made of thicker, firmer foam and so make a more comfortable bed.

The quality of the mattress, the base and the mechanism will vary

### How to choose the right sofa bed

## Two's company



The quality of the mattress, the base and the mechanism will vary from make to make.

from make to make, and the price should give some indication of the standard. However, if the sofa is an elaborate style and is to be covered in an expensive fabric, then you will naturally have to pay a fairly high price.

The best way to decide on comfort is to test both the bed and the sofa yourself. Is the sofa comfortable in its own right? Are the seat cushions soft enough or can you feel the bed mechanism through them? Does it support your back and is it comfortable, as well as fitting into the overall style of the room?

Try to pull open the bed yourself. Some mechanisms can be stiff and heavy to operate and may not suit someone with little strength or with a bad back. It is worth trying the opening and closing action a few times, if you have doubts look again.

Finally, test the bed and see if it will be comfortable enough: for the amount of use it will receive. The degree of comfort can be roughly measured against the firmness of the mattress and base in the same way as you would when

buying an ordinary bed. It should not be too soft or it will not support the back or hips, but if it is too firm the spine is thrown uncomfortably out of line. A good quality mattress should give best support whether spring or foam, but a wooden slatted base is preferable.

A sofa bed can be used in a sitting room, dining room, child's room or study to double the use of that area. But you should first consider a few practical points. The sofa will need to fit the space when both closed and opened to allow you to move around the room. If an occasional table is usually in front of the sofa it will need to be light enough to be moved as well as other seating and you will need space into which you can move these. You will also need a storage place for a duvet, pillows, cases and bedlinen. A blanket box or decorative storage trunk will serve well.

Chosen wisely a sofa bed will be an attractive addition to your home and will ensure your guests sleep soundly.

## Making light work

LIGHTING plays a vital part in creating atmosphere in your home and complementing the decor. However, planning suitable lighting means balancing practicality, comfort and safety with the decorative appeal of the fittings.

Whatever style of home you have and whatever look you wish to create, the initial approach to lighting is the same. To some extent you will have to experiment, but there are certain guidelines which will help you plan. It makes sense to consider lighting before you do any other decorating, because you may need to have wiring alterations. Ask yourself:

What tasks you will want to perform in the room? Reading, writing, sewing, cooking, eating, etc., all need to be taken into account.

How practical does the lighting have to be? This is most important in kitchens, bathrooms and on stairs.

Where rooms have several uses, are you catering for all the activities that take place?

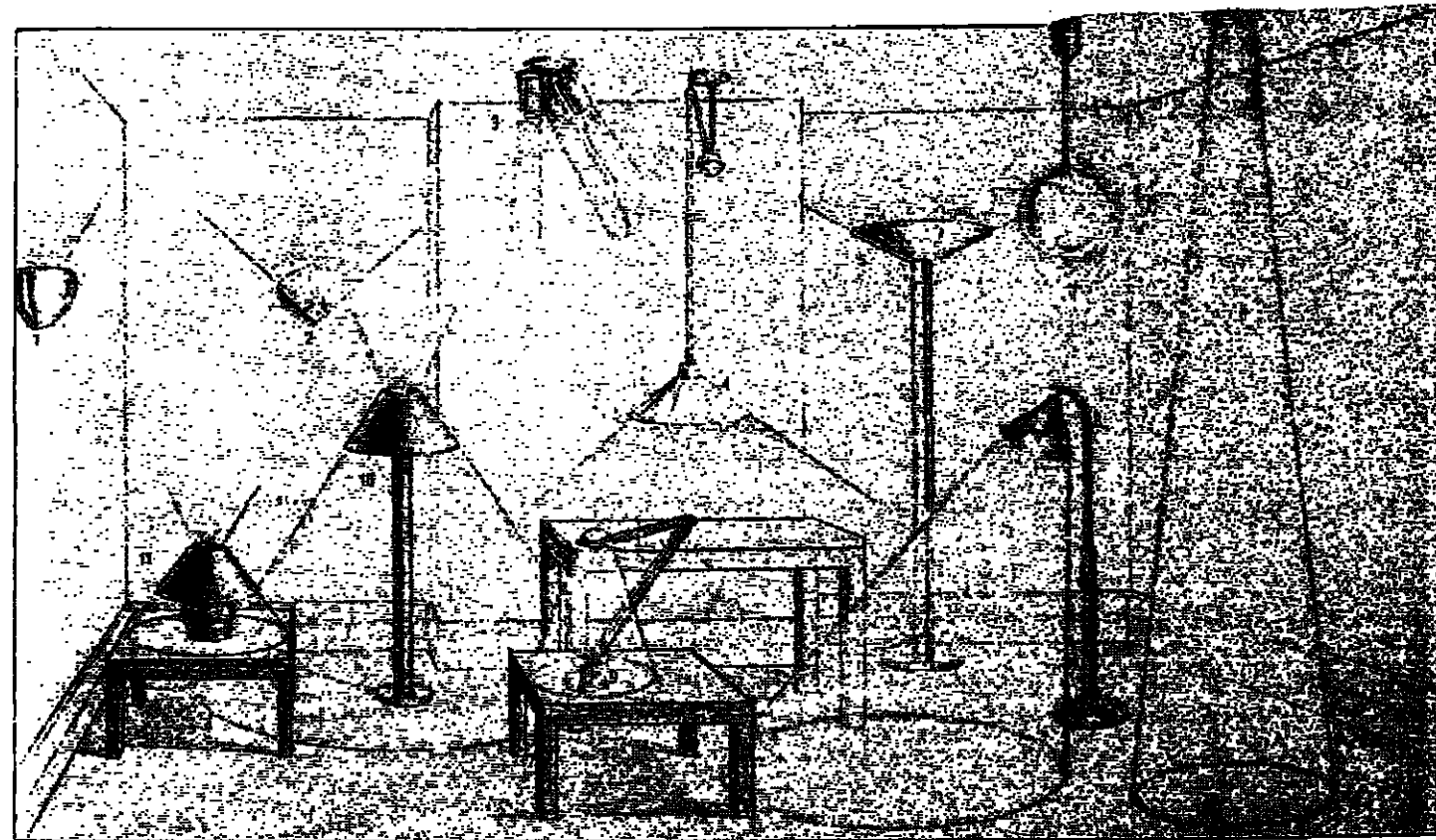
What sort of mood do you wish to create? This is important in sitting rooms and bedrooms where you relax.

What style is the room, and do you wish the lighting to complement it or contrast it?

Lighting in the home falls into three groups: task lighting, general lighting and atmospheric lighting. Different rooms will need different treatments but try to allow for as many varied light sources as possible to give maximum flexibility.

**An illuminating task**  
Task lighting gives a concentrated beam, illuminating one area brightly, and it should be used where a specific job takes place, such as on a desk. The design of desk lights has been revolutionised by the tiny tungsten halogen bulb, which gives a clear, wide pool of white light that does not dazzle; its small size means the fittings can now be both innovative and extremely elegant.

The desk light shade should be at eye level to avoid glare and the lamp should be placed on the left if you are right handed, on the right if you are left handed, so your work is not in your own shadow. Task lighting can also take the form of a floor light standing next to the desk, table



1. Opaque wall fittings act as uplighters, reflecting light off the ceiling and back into the room.

2. Translucent wall lights work in the same way as uplighters but also diffuse light into the room.

3. Similar to ceiling-mounted spotlights, directional downlighters bounce light off the wall into the room giving subtle, indirect illumination. They are also perfect for lighting pictures.

4. Pendant lights are very useful for shedding light on dining tables;

adding a rise-and-fall mechanism offers extra flexibility.

5. Most modern floor lamps direct light upwards, bouncing it off the ceiling into the room. These are very flexible as they can be easily moved — all you need is a convenient socket.

6. Pendant lights with translucent shades scatter light evenly in all directions, ideal where practicality is more important than atmosphere.

7. Recessed downlighters provide subtle, general lighting and are unobtrusive.

8. A cross between a floor lamp and a task light, this type of fitting is ideal for standing at the end of a sofa or by a desk for use as a reading lamp. Especially practical when tabletop space is limited.

9. Desk lamps direct light just where it is needed, on to work-surfaces or for reading or other tasks.

10. The traditional standard

lamp mainly directs light downwards and is best for atmospheric lighting. Choose an opaque shade for a dramatic effect, a translucent one for more general, diffused lighting.

11. Traditional-style table lamps with opaque shades mostly direct light downwards; translucent shades provide more general illumination. Table lamps tend to be decorative and are best suited to atmospheric, rather than task, lighting.

or sofa. This is ideal for providing light when work surface space is at a premium.

Task lighting can be effective in the kitchen, too. A row of pendant lights above a work surface or breakfast bar looks good and, if teamed with a rise-and-fall mechanism, can be excellent above dining tables. A large decor or crown-silvered bulb will help cut down glare.

Never use task lighting on its own; always have some sort of general, background lighting to avoid eyestrain. General lighting throws light over a wide area using one, or preferably more, light sources. Aim for a varied and interesting balance of light and shade, and use general lighting with some task, or atmospheric lighting otherwise the overall effect can be rather monotonous.

For general lighting, position pendant lights off-centre, preferably above a table, and fit several sources of a lower wattage rather than one high-wattage fitting.

Recessed ceiling lights are more flattering than central ceiling pendants, but you obviously need to take into account any joists and pipes above the ceiling when positioning them. Wallwashers are a particularly subtle type of recessed ceiling light. They direct light towards the wall, "washing" it with light and bouncing light into the room; particularly effective with a pale colour scheme which will reflect

the light.

You can achieve a similar subtle effect with wall lights, which give soft, general illumination by reflecting light upwards off the walls and ceilings. Remember to position them above eye level to avoid the glare of the bulb.

**Creating atmosphere**  
Atmospheric lighting is used to achieve an effect, rather than for practical reasons. For example, you may wish to create a gentle, relaxed mood, emphasise certain architectural features or highlight pictures. This is lighting at its most subtle and is best used, where possible, with dimmers. Table lamps, floor lamps, wall lights and uplighters can all be used for this particular purpose.

To help you decide your lighting needs, draw a plan of each room, marking in the furniture, plug sockets, existing fittings and switches, and work out what alterations are necessary to avoid having trailing flexes and overloaded plugs.

Experiment with car inspection lamps, or other forms of portable lighting on long flexes, clipping them on to step ladders and improvising with string, banging nails into the wall, etc. to position them.

Then view the room from all angles, standing and sitting, to check the lights will not dazzle or glare. If you are considering wall lights, hold a torch against the wall to check that it will not reveal unsightly bumps

## How to find the near-perfect house in Kuwait

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Do not be afraid to check on water pressure and ask about air conditioning maintenance contracts. A good real estate agent will have made such inquiries before you are shown the property, where it is possible. It may be useful to speak to the neighbours, where appropriate about maintenance but your own sense of judgement is often

Equally the tenant should enjoy the property in peace, security and privacy and be encouraged to make his home there. The real estate agent should be prepared to construct a contract to suit both parties. Sometimes this can take quite some time.

Landlords too can use the real estate agent to find out the ideal tenant, his expectations, and also how much rent he can

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sufficient. When you have found "the near perfect place" you will need a formal contract. This is a must. It should be in Arabic, or English and Arabic together, and must set out clearly the responsibilities of both parties (tenant and landlord). It needn't be long and complicated but some landlords do have special requirements, for example: no pets, or that the garden must be maintained, families only, etc and if included the tenant must respect his wishes, after you have agreed to them.

expect. Far too often the landlord is looking for an exorbitant rent believing that the rental market has soared, and the tenant's only prepared to pay a minimum believing that the rental market has plummeted. Of course the real rent is something negotiated in between.

It is important to note that the only landlord making money is the one with tenants and not the one who would rather leave property empty than accept a lower rent.

Landlords should also expect to pay around ten to



Expatriate clients have high expectations of what they are looking for. Very often a villa is the first choice.

twelve per cent of their rental income on the maintenance of the property. This protects his income and attracts many expatriate tenants who will keep the property in good order. It is true that tenants take much better care of their home if the landlord too provides the initial high standard of maintenance. Unfortunately many landlords do not provide any

Don't be too disheartened. A real estate agent can advise you on most things. Many have lived in Kuwait for a long time and take pride in minimizing or avoiding problems you may have. They can often put you in touch with families who have furniture for sale, often at bargain prices. They are familiar with areas around Kuwait and schools.

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maintenance. This soon leads to complaints from the tenants and many through moving house again to escape hassles like, brown water and smelly drains. Constant air conditioning break-downs which the landlord is reluctant or slow to get fixed is a nightmare in the summer months. A maintenance contract with a competent company would have solved the problem so easily.

For renting you a home they charge one half of a month's rent which is payable when the contracts are signed but the advice is free.

Please remember that they are not perfect and sometimes appointments with landlords can take a day or two to arrange. When you find the perfect home that's when you will have found the perfect real estate agent.

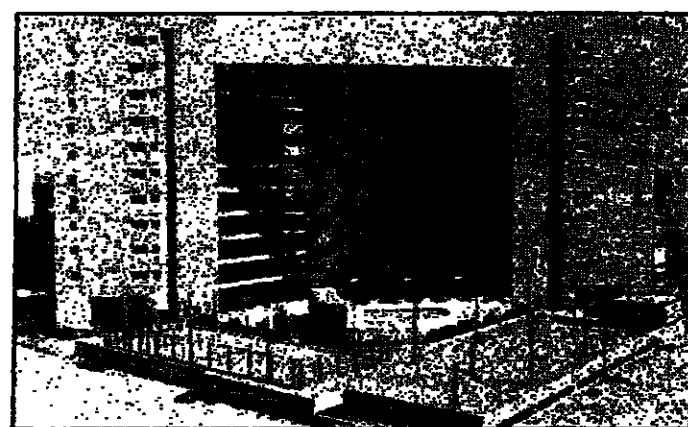
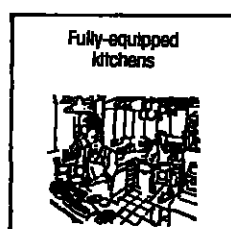


First impressions are important. Newly painted, clean and tidy property is far more attractive than one that the landlord promises to 'make good' after the contract is signed.

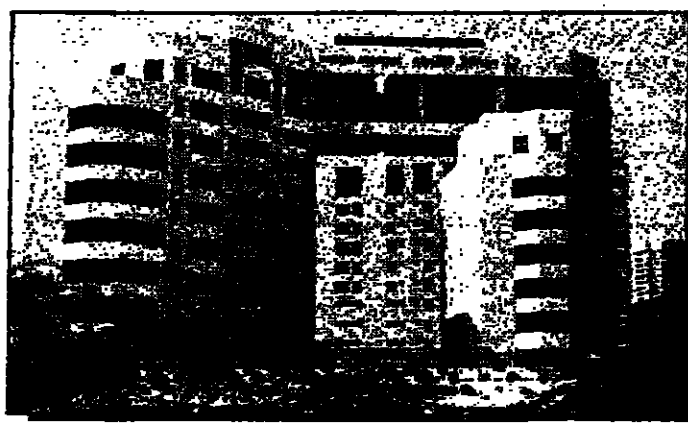


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Big ideas for little rooms

# Small is beautiful

ALTHOUGH Kuwait is full of luxury complexes, offering such services as swimming pools, tennis courts, saunas, in-house videos and the like many apartments seem to scrimp on space wherever possible. And very small cramped rooms are notoriously difficult to furnish. Here are some ideas:

Small rooms need to be both well organised and tidy. Choose adaptable furniture which will help to save space in some way. For instance, a sofa bed will double as an overnight bed if you do not have a spare room; a nest of occasional tables can be easily separated as required and tucked away neatly when not in use; and a gate-leg dining table with fold-out leaves will take up much less space than a standard design. Indeed any items that fold flat—chairs and small tables—are good space-saving ideas, as are slimline pieces.

Another important thing to consider is storage. Unit systems are a good way of creating a flexible arrangement which suits your particular needs.

Try arranging new areas of

storage at low and high levels to make decorative borders. Or choose a single, streamlined storage unit to house TV, hi-fi and records in your sitting room and remove all the individual pieces that don't serve any real purpose.

Beds with drawers fitted in the base will hold bedlinen and towels and are a very good idea for providing storage in small bedrooms.

But before buying anything measure it carefully and the space in which it will stand, remembering that you need space in front of a storage unit for the doors or drawers to open fully. It may be a good idea to make a scale plan of your room using cardboard cut-outs to represent furniture.

As you adjust the pieces to make the best use of space you may quite likely realise that some are actually completely surplus to your needs. By reducing the number of furniture items more floor area is exposed giving the impression of space.

Obviously, colour has a considerable effect on a small room and unless you particularly wish

to have a dark, dramatic scheme it is best to choose colours and furnishing which help create a spacious appearance. Walls should be painted in a pale colour or covered in wallpaper with a small design, or possibly stripes to enhance the height of the room, in colours that are light and not strongly contrasting. Greys, pale blues and greens have a retreating effect and consequently are space enhancing. Cream, yellow, peach and pink are warming and cosy but are also perfect for a small room. Keep ceilings and floors pale, too, so that the whole look of the room tones and harmonises with no clear line dividing one area from the next.

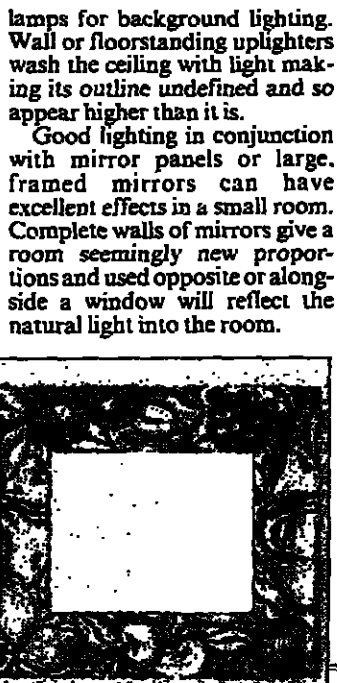
Windows are best treated simply. An elaborate pelmet and drapes, for instance, would be far too imposing for a small room. Choose a pale colour for the curtains and not one which is either very dark or bright, or has a large design, since these would have an oppressive effect. To make full use of natural light extend the curtain track by 10 to 40 cm so that the curtains will hang clear of the window and let in more light.

If practical, light colours are a good idea for flooring, too, as they make the area seem more spacious. Avoid using rugs in dark or contrasting colours as they break up the floor into islands, making it look smaller.

Dark corners need good illumination if the full size of the room is to be appreciated so make sure you have enough lamps for different activities as well as uplighters and table

lamps for background lighting. Wall or floorstanding uplighters wash the ceiling with light making its outline undefined and so appear higher than it is. Good lighting in conjunction with mirror panels or large framed mirrors can have excellent effects in a small room. Complete walls of mirrors give a room seemingly new proportions and used opposite or alongside a window will reflect the natural light into the room.

This small room looks quite attractive with the right kind of decor.



Attractively framed mirrors are useful in a small room.



Extending tables make good sense in a small space. The surface area can be greatly reduced when it's not being used.

## Cautious optimism in real estate market

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something can go out of order," said Wells.

Those who spend on renovation often expect the tenant to pay this back, in one form or another.

But Wells has met several very co-operative landlords. There was one who modified the layout, remodeled floors and installed a swimming pool to please the tenant. On the day the tenant moved in the landlord sent him a gift.

"Such landlords are little

treasures," said Wells.

Both Wells and her partner Banooi agree that landlords have come a long way since the beginning of this decade.

Arabic toilets are out and all kitchens are fitted with a double sink and cupboards.

Banooi has managed to convince several property developers to improve the layout of the flats, provide more storage space, install bigger windows and fitted cupboards in bedrooms, and add a maid's room.



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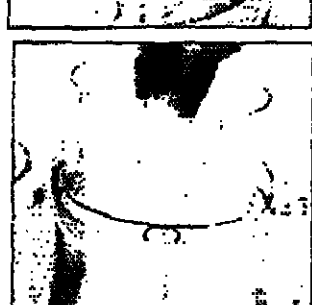
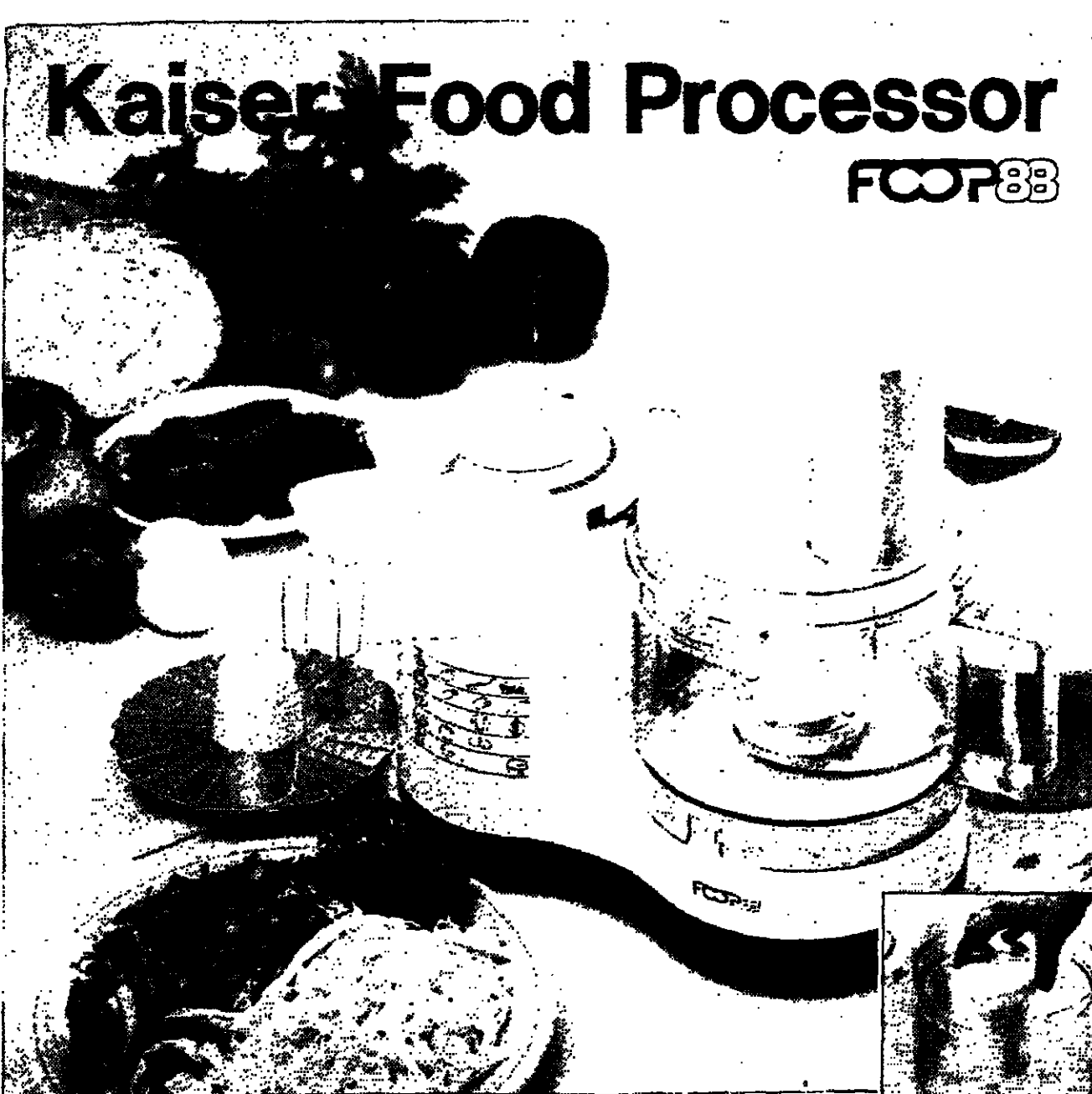
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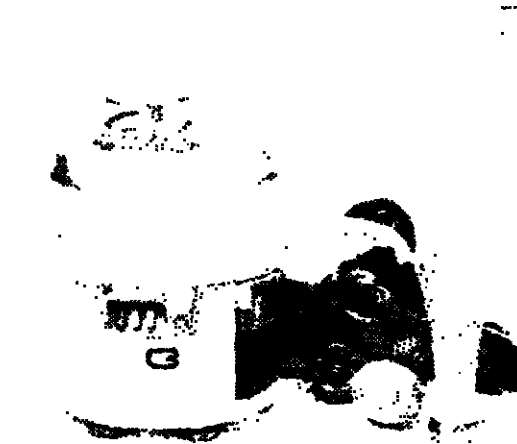
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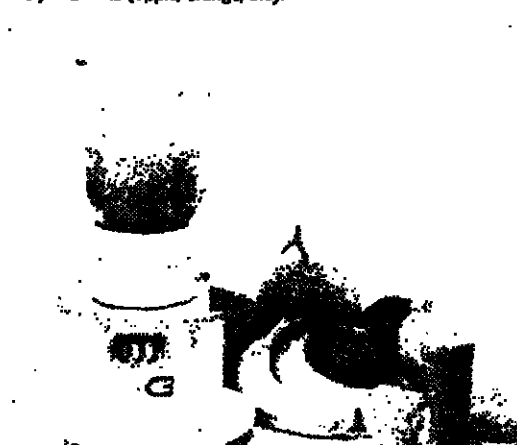
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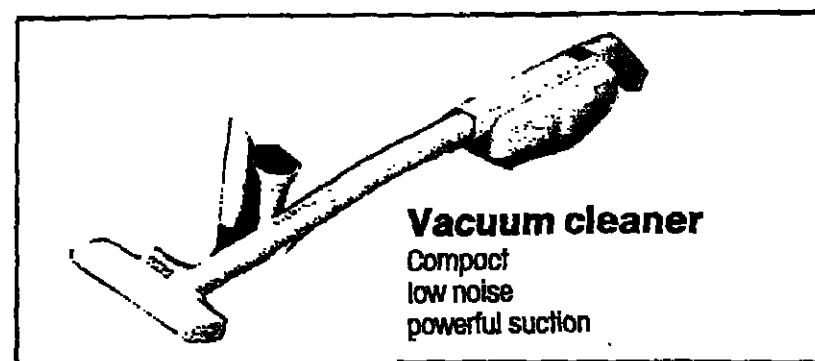
**Juicer**  
Making juice and bean milk of vegetables (cucumber, carrot, etc.) and fruits (apple, orange, etc.).



**Mixer**  
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# Decorating and Furnishing

FOR the majority of people, homes are becoming smaller and space must be carefully utilised. It should be a policy that most money be spent on items that have to take the hardest wear, or have to last the longest. One special item can be indulged in, as this will bring pleasure for many years.

To mould a room around a mood will allow your personal expression full creativity. The mood you choose will depend upon your taste, but variations on a single theme are endless. Here are the major themes around which you can build the appearance of your home.

**Casual**  
For many people the 'Casual Mood' is the most satisfactory one for easy-living and versatility. Comfort is the basic aim. Seating, with simple lines, should invite relaxation. Plush cushions are a must, whilst floor cushions and bean-bags add manoeuvrable variety. As everyone feels at home with natural materials, wood, cane, stone and plants add comfort to a room. Storage should be simple and practical with plenty of compartments in which to hide away loose articles, whilst keeping everything within easy reach.

Over-elegant fabrics will need caring for to make sure that they don't get dirty. Avoid this by using nubby textures or patterned material that will disguise dirt. Plain fabrics can be easily washed if they are removable. Whatever you choose, the emphasis is on practicality. The choice of colours depend on you. If you want a calming effect then use subdued colours. Bold colours add dash and excitement to a room. Many apartments in Kuwait have white painted walls. If this is the case then bright colours are often the best choice for a fresh and cheerful look. Plants always look nice against white, especially when placed in colourful pots.

**Formal-restrained**  
The 'Formal-Restrained' mood contrasts sharply with the 'Casual' one since it aims for sophistication. Good taste and an uncluttered appeal make the most out of the minimum. Contemporary architecture provides an ideal setting with its clean lines and precise areas, but an item such as an elegant



Hand-made rugs add warmth and class to any room.

## Allow your personal expression full creativity Some ideas on easy living

antique will add the personal touch that keeps the room habitable.

All other accessories should be kept to a minimum. Furnishings are functional and their arrangement is formal.

Colours are neutral or cool and walls are kept almost bare. Window treatments are simple and clean looking, an effect that can be achieved with the use of vertical or slatted blinds.

To compensate for all this restraint, dramatic lighting must play an important role. Spotlights, tracklights and other directional types are to be used. Their directional lighting can be used to create transparent patterns on walls. Uplights illustrate this effect. Placed behind plants they throw theatrical shadows of magnified leaves into the walls.

**Romantic**  
If it's frills and fussiness that you want, then the 'Romantic' mood should be a delight. Colours and prints are light and pretty. Art work is softly-edged; prints of the more delicate 19th century impressionist paintings are one idea to use. Anything whimsical can be placed within this mood for additional interest. For sheer indulgence use plenty of frothy lace at your windows. Taffeta and multi-pleated fabrics are also ideal. A liberal use of mini-prints on fabrics provides a sentimental feeling, whilst chintz gives a nostalgic touch.

A Chinese rug with its white background and pastel shades can act as an anchor for a room by setting the principal colour. Tiffany lampshades and other fringed or porcelain lamps add visual interest plus soft, moody lighting.

Central light fixtures are to be avoided, but sunlight streaming in through your lacey windows is definitely romantic. Furniture that has simple lines can be enlivened with small print fabric and those with a curvilinear form are pretty in this setting. 18th century French provincial furniture follows intricately carved

designs, often painted in pastel shades. The famous 'bombe' chest with its sinuous lines is from this era. Rural craftsman adapted this taste to suit their own needs, and the style persists in many reproductions of today. Upholstered in pretty colours, their soft lines echo the romantic mood.

**Arabic style**  
Reproduction furniture plays an important role in many luxurious Arab homes. It is treated in a different manner which consists of heavily carved gilt wood finishes combined with opulent brocade upholstery.

The walls have additional ornamentation in the form of mouldings, where the relief is picked out in gold. Providing a suitably rich background they are often set with large mirrors that enhance the feeling of spaciousness. Large porcelain animals are a popular feature, as are the tall flower holders that add pleasant decoration to the corner of a room. A richly coloured Persian rug is a common addition to the home. They look particularly good when laid on the cool marble or tiled floors that are favoured in Kuwait. Lighting often takes the form of crystal chandeliers, whose proportions are well suited to large, high rooms.

An Arabic feature often used is the arch. If there are no arch

Buying an essential piece of kitchen equipment requires careful thought

## How to choose a cooker

By Linda Parker

WITH the amount of wear and tear a cooker has to withstand, it is the one piece of kitchen equipment on which you should never compromise. But with price ranging from just under KD100 to more than KD1,000, it's important to choose a model perfectly suited to your needs.

**Fuel for thought**  
Your first decision will be whether to have a gas or electric model. Cookers can be all gas or all electric or a combination of the two. Cookers with a gas hob and an electric oven are popular because gas hobs offer instantly controllable heat and electric ovens generally offer more functions than gas ovens.

**Jostling for position**  
As kitchen designs have become more sophisticated so have cookers. Now you have a choice of freestanding, built-in or slot-in; each has its own advantages.

A freestanding cooker can be placed almost anywhere in the kitchen area, is often cheaper than a built-in or slot-in model and often has an eye-level grill which many people find preferable to waist-level grills or a combined grill/oven.

A slot-in cooker is designed to fit into a run of units exactly the

same height and depth to give a streamlined, built-in look. Gas versions often have a glass lid which can be closed when the cooker is not in use to give an extra work surface.

Electric slot-in cookers with ceramic hobs have a very streamlined look. Slot-in-cookers can fit flush into the space allowed because they are well-insulated to prevent heat being transferred to the adjacent units.

Built-in cookers and hobs offer much greater flexibility as far as kitchen planning and design are concerned, but invariably involve more expense — oven and hob have to be fitted into housing units and work-surfaces.

**Function planning**  
They are flexible because the oven can be built into a housing unit at eye-level (single or double) or built under a work surface (single) and the separate hob can then be positioned wherever is most convenient.

Most built-under cookers have a single oven with the grill inside.

The range of functions offered by today's cookers is impressive — rotisserie, defrosting and self-cleaning facilities, automatic oven timer and infra-red grill, to mention just a few. It's a good idea to make a list of the features

you think you will need before visiting a showroom.

It's particularly worthwhile choosing an oven with a forced air (fan) or fan-assisted system. Conventional ovens have varying heat zones — hottest at the top, cooler at the bottom. But because a forced air oven has hot air "fanned" around it the temperature is even at all shelf positions. A fan-assisted oven is heated in the conventional way, but a fan circulates air to reduce heat zoning.

Another important facility to consider is the grill. This can be inside the oven (on single built-in ovens), at eye-level (on freestanding models) and some built-in ones, or at waist height (freestanding or slot-in). Look for a grill with an "economy" option which means half the grill area can be used for cooking small portions.

**All the extras**  
Multi-function ovens are designed to offer the best cooking method for different types of food — for example, cooking with lower heat only for drying out pie or flan bases at the end of the cooking time.

Most top of the range, multi-function ovens can offer seven or eight different cooking methods and some now also incorporate microwave facilities.

Gas hobs generally feature a choice of different sized boiling rings to cope with a variety of cooking needs. Pan supports lift off easily for cleaning and most gas burners have removable tops.

Conventional electric hobs feature radiant or solid radiant rings. The latter are easy to clean and are often thermostatically controlled so pre-set temperatures are maintained.

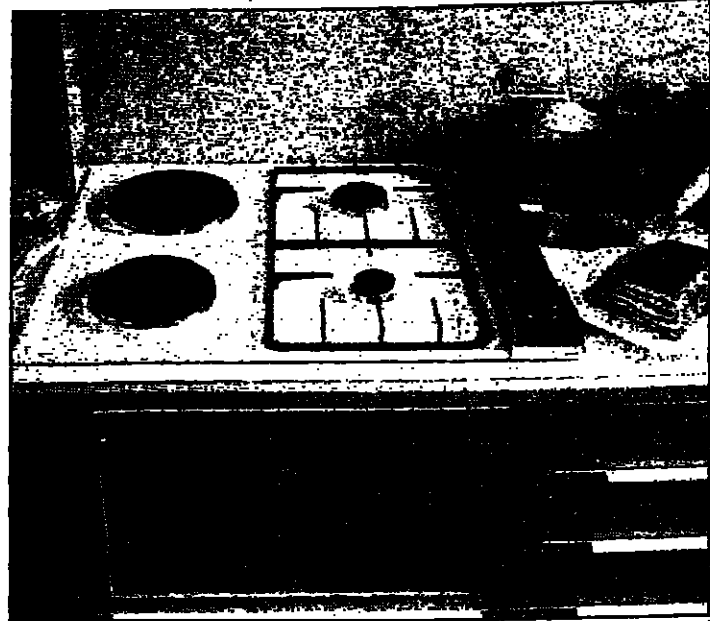
Ceramic hobs are very easy to clean and look sleek and streamlined. Some incorporate one or two halogen plates as well as the ordinary radiant rings under the ceramic surface.

Other totally halogen hobs will have four rings, heated by tungsten halogen lamps underneath a ceramic surface. With halogen, the rings are precisely controllable, from a gentle simmer to high-speed frying.

An induction hob works by means of a magnetic coil positioned under the pan area of a ceramic surface. When a ferrite (ie, iron-containing) pan, for example, steel is placed on the surface this completes the circuit and produces magnetic energy which is transferred directly to the pan.

For those who prefer greater flexibility there are several modular hob systems that allow you to build up a cooking area tailored to your needs, combining, for example, a two-burner gas job, a two-ring halogen hob and a charcoal grill.

Obviously, it will mean less work for you if you choose a cooker with self-clean or stay-clean linings (splashes are vaporised at high temperature and the

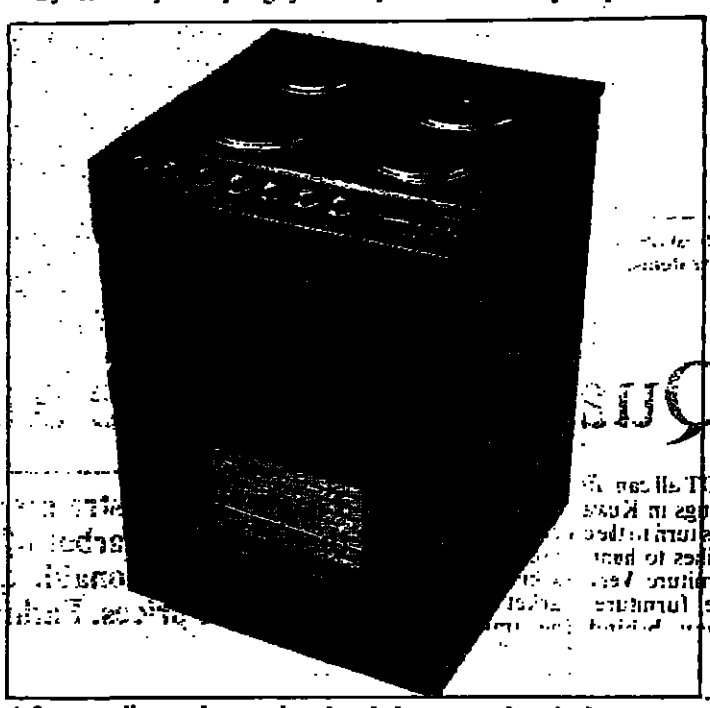


Cookers can be a mixture of both gas and electricity.

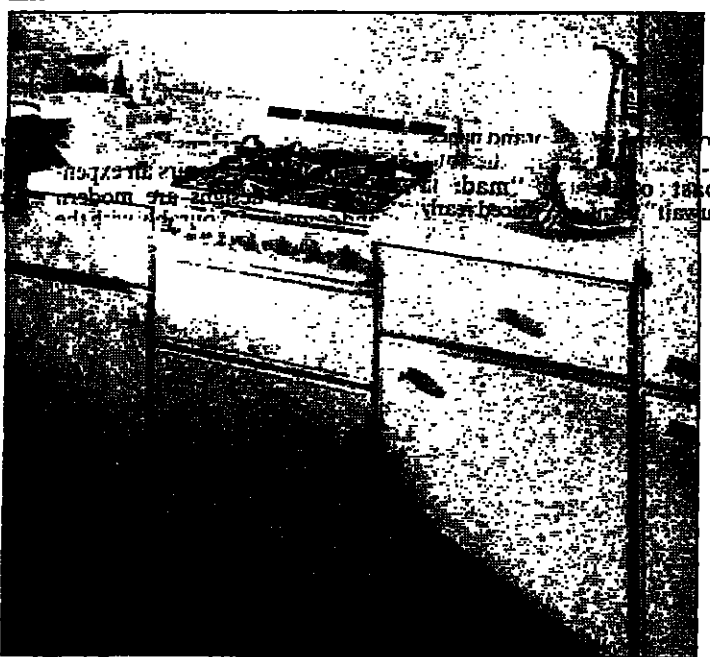
resulting powder is wiped away). However, some of the cheaper models do not have these linings and need to be cleaned by hand fairly regularly.

By carefully analysing your

cooking requirements before you look for a cooker and bearing in mind all the points raised you can be sure you're making exactly the right choice to suit your kitchen and your pocket.



A free-standing cooker can be placed almost anywhere in the kitchen area.



A cooker which slots in has its own advantages.

## More colourful kitchen sinks

The plain old kitchen sink and its accessories have taken on a more colourful look and a more strategic design. ONCE there was stainless steel or stainless steel. Nowadays, with the development of ceramics, synthetics and resins, the choice has grown.

**Stainless steel**  
Still the cheapest sink material and by no means left behind in the mists of time. You can now buy stainless steel sinks of all shapes and sizes, so you can fit in with your requirements, too. Stainless steel sinks must be earthed — otherwise a faulty kettle or other electrical appliance nearby may give you an even nastier shock than you get from the sight of last night's washing-up! Most are earthed when you buy them, but check before parting with your money. Stainless steel sinks do tend to scratch and stain, especially if they're high-gloss (mat and satin finishes are also available).

**Ceramic**  
These sinks look fantastic and are easy as pie to clean as they resist chipping and scratching. There are minuses — they tend to be expensive and are very heavy. You should also avoid putting pans straight from the hot hob onto the ceramic surface as it will mark.

**Synthetic**  
They are made in a wide variety of shapes, sizes and colours, as well as in a host of rather scientific sounding materials, such as asterite, silacron and sylvac. Most are made up of resin mixed with other materials for a tough and durable finish.

They tend to have good heat and scratch resistance and have colour running all the way through the thickness of the sink, so scratches won't expose underlying materials, as with coated sinks. However, don't be tempted to use the draining board for chopping or you'll be

aiding early damage.

**Enamel-coated steel**  
Second in the price league to stainless steel, these sinks come in a choice of colours. They do tend to chip, however, so care is needed with heavy pots and pans. They must be earthed.

**Size matters**  
Even if you have a dishwasher, a sink has to cope with a variety of tasks — don't forget pots and pans, oven shelves, food cleaning and handwashing clothes.

**All bowled over**  
The size of the bowl is very important — take dimensions of the largest everyday item you may want to put in it. It's much less frustrating for example, if the frying pan including handle fits in comfortably.

Is the bowl deep enough? Could you fill a bucket without hindrance (the height of the taps will have to be taken into consideration, too). On the other hand, if it's too deep, you may get backache bending down to reach — especially if you're tall.

If there's room, a double sink (two bowls) is a bonus as you can quickly wash and rinse, or both prepare food and wash up intermittently. An additional small half bowl is useful to house a waste disposal unit or just for washing vegetables and rinsing glasses and cutlery.

A whole bowl and a half bowl is a good compromise where space is tight.

**Drain away**  
You'll need some draining space, whether you have a dishwasher or not. Designed to make sure you stay dry, modern drains are imperceptibly tilted away from the front, given much deeper rims, and some are even given their own water outlets! Others have a high rim surround with a special canal into the sink for draining.

Do you want a left- or right-hand drainer? This may depend on the position of your dishwasher

or washing machine if it's plumbed in and you don't want to move it (there's not room for the sink bowl and a machine below). It will also depend on your kitchen design. Ideally, the drainer should be on the opposite side of the sink to the cooker. You may get a choice — be prepared.

**Drainers can be bought** separately, enabling both bowl and drainer to be positioned where you'd like and there are even removable drains which can be stored away.

**Surrounding thoughts**  
Is there space in your unit for the sink? Measure up carefully as sinks come in all sizes. Round bowls look elegant, but may not give as much bowl space.

**Accessories**  
Are vital things like wastes, plugs, chain and tap hole covers included in the price? You may have to pay more. Some sinks come with a range of additional accessories such as a space-saving chopping board that fits over the bowl, a wire basket that sits inside the bowl for washing veg and fruit or even a washingup brush that can be fitted onto the sink. If so, are they extra?

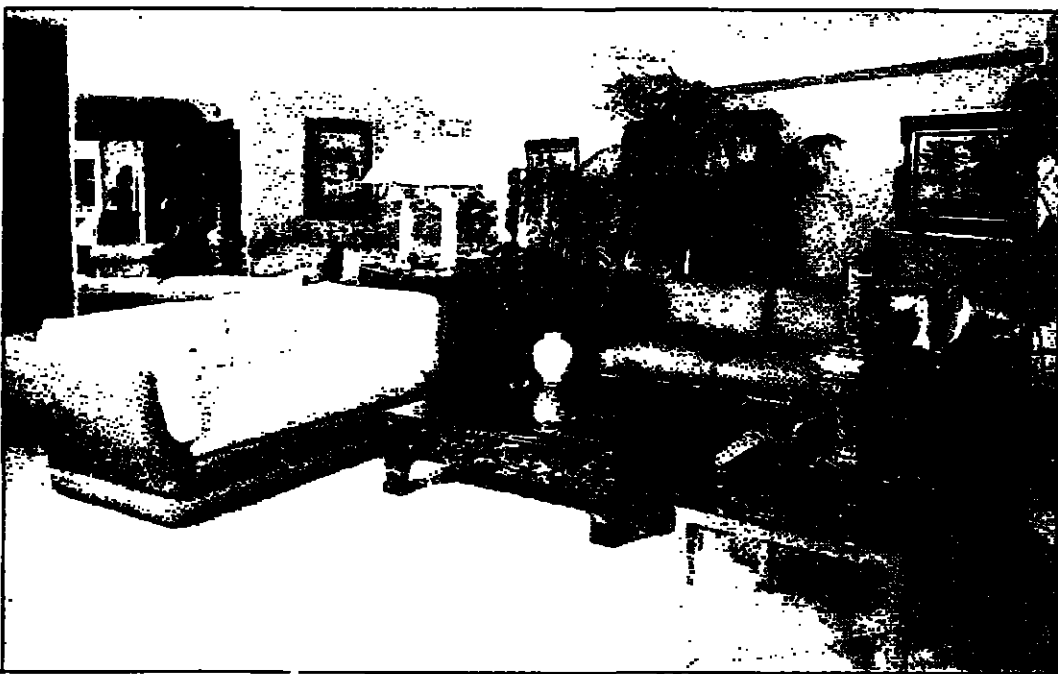
**Little difficulties**  
Is the sink likely to "clatter" with crockery or "echo" when filling with water (common with metal sinks)? Look for sinks with a noise muffler fitted to the underside of the bowl.

**Clean-up campaign**  
Non-abrasive cleansers, like Jif, are good for any sink, but there are some special surface tips:

**Stainless steel:** Dry after use. Try neat washing-up liquid on stubborn marks or cream from hardware shops.

**Ceramic:** Surface damage by hot pans may respond to methylated spirits.

**Synthetic:** For persistent stains, try a solution of biological washing powder or a weak bleach solution.



Good taste and uncluttered appeal make the most out of the minimum.

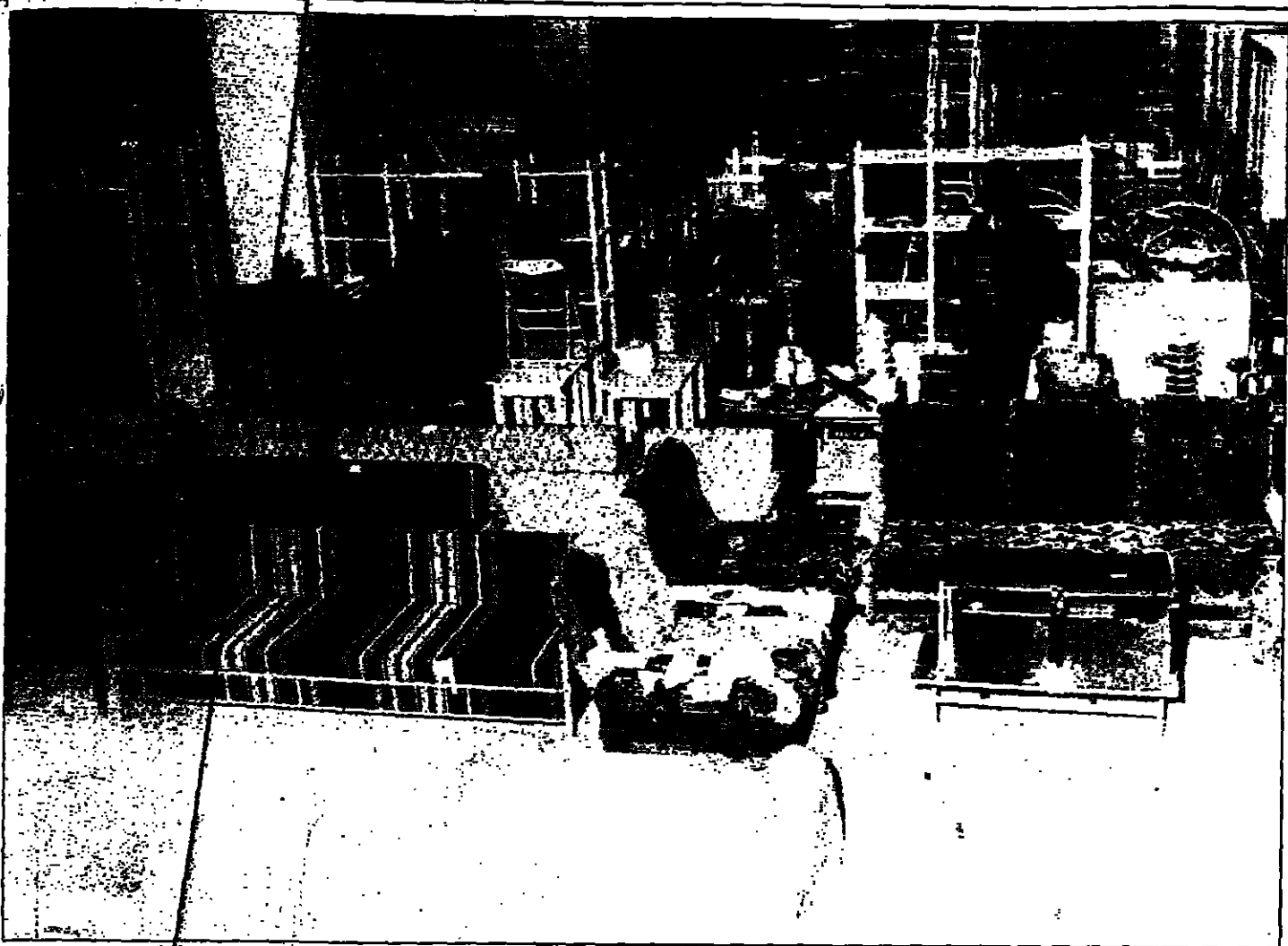


Comfort is the basic aim. Seating, with simple lines, should invite relaxation.



**REAL ESTATE, DECORATING, FURNISHING:  
AN ARAB TIMES SUPPLEMENT**

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Mini-showrooms built on an average of 90 metres each, are littered with beds, dining tables, wardrobes, display cabinets, coffee tables and other items.  
Photos by Javed Basra

**Made in Kuwait furniture 50 per cent lower than imported items.**

## Quality furniture at affordable prices

NOT all can afford luxury furnishings in Kuwait. Bargain hunters turn to the classified pages of dailies to hunt for second-hand furniture. Very few know about the furniture market tucked away behind the imposing showrooms in the new Farwaniya Industrial Area on the Ring Road.

The Souk Al Marbat Markazi offer reasonable quality furniture at affordable prices to meet the constraints of a limited budget.

Hidden behind the more prominent imposing major showrooms selling brand name, the shopkeepers in the Souk Al Marbat Markazi, in Kuwait, have priced many 50 per cent lower than imported products.

The furniture industry in Kuwait has grown rapidly, with small and big factories, mostly managed by Arabs, mushrooming in Doha, Jahra, Sulaibikhat and Shuwaikhat.

**To meet the constraints of a limited budget, the Souk Al Marbat Markazi in Farwaniya, offers reasonable quality furniture at affordable prices. Fathima Ahmed reports on the bargains available and warns you of the pitfalls.**

prices. "Buyers in this market look for inexpensive products and we like to satisfy them," said one salesman. Profit margin varies between KD 5 and KD 10 on retail sales.

Designs. The furniture bears an expensive look. Designs are modern and compare favourably with the more sought after imported furniture available on the market in Kuwait. Perhaps one can't expect durability but manufacturers claim they last for between six to 10 years.

one deny the wide choice available at the market.

A visit to the souk must be leisurely to give yourself plenty of time to shop around to get bargains. The best buys are hidden away in the sprawling basement shops, which also sell second-hand furniture at competitive prices.

Wall-to-wall carpets of varying variety and quality, costing between KD6 and KD14 per metre, are also displayed. The best buys are the machine-made

plagued by high rents and low earnings. Shop rents vary between KD550 to KD850 per month. The number of small furniture makers has multiplied in the recent past with over 65 small factories flooding the market with their products. About 30 big manufacturers also supply furniture to retailers. Cutthroat competition is rife. Eager shopkeepers slash prices to attract buyers. But there aren't many buyers.

Exported. "The demand is not high as the supply, this is one reason for a slowdown in business," explained one dealer. Yet, there is a turnover of between KD200 and KD800 per day at most shops.

"The buying power of people has gone down," moans a shopkeeper who has seen better times. Five years ago, business was brisk but now it has slowed



A five-seater sofa set can be bought for under KD100.

Made in Kuwait furniture, claims one manufacturer, is as good as or better than imported goods. "Most buyers believe imported goods are better than our products. They are wrong. Our products are made from some of the finest teak and cost much less than imported goods," said one manufacturer.

Choice. Others are more realistic. "Most manufacturers are in the business to make quick profits and don't care about quality; this is one reason for declining business," said Mohammad Abu Akel.

Although one can't vouch for the quality of their products, no

Hungarian carpets. Costs vary between KD20 and KD75, depending on the size. The designs are copied from the original Persian, Chinese or Indian rugs.

Plagued. Flowers, animals and abstract designs are common feature in a lot of the carpets on display. You can also pick out highly stylised carpets with the much favoured border design or ones with the centre design. The carpets are made from synthetic fibre blended with wool and synthetic dyes. But they have all the beauty of the original Oriental rug. Business is dull at the market. Businessmen say they are

down, he laments.

"We can hardly cover running costs," said another shopkeeper, hoping for better times to return as he has branched out to exporting furniture to neighbouring Gulf countries. There are no statistics on how much is exported, but shopkeepers say they send products worth KD15,000 each week to GCC states.

The furniture market is open two shifts, from 9 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 9 pm. If you are planning to visit the souk, it would be a good idea to take a Arab friend along. Most salesmen speak only Arabic and can also mislead you on the prices, if they feel you don't understand Arabic.

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## French designers present spring collections

## Verdict from Paris: longer but still leggy

By Aline Mosby

PARIS, Jan. (UPI): The 1930's long-and-languid skirts and trousers hid legs in the Paris spring-summer high fashion collections but knee-baring styles still held their own.

Twenty-one makers of Paris custom-made haute couture, forever made by hand in this machine age, during five days of show left women have their choice of baring lots of leg or none.

The new long look drifts back in history. Lanvin's cloche hats over bobbed hair, Louis Feraud's floating layered skirt and long belted top, Chanel's above-ankle coats over long pleated skirts and Nina Ricci's floating bias-cut skirts recalled the seaside boardwalks in Deauville a half century ago.

Christian Lacroix's woman looked like an English colonialist off to Cairo and Carthage in a chiffon midriff, loose-waisted dress or trousers. But he used even more short lengths such as his perfectly cut, simple side-fastened suit that ended above the knee.

Yves Saint Laurent not only clung to his favourite knee-loving hemlines but playfully slit every skirt up the side to show every pore of the entire leg.

## Force

Trousers and jumpsuits came back in force, from Saint Laurent's soft, tucked above-ankle pants to wide pleated evening pajamas at Lacroix.

Thus Paris still respects the right of liberated women to wear any hemline they choose.

Women also had a choice of shoulders, from Lacroix's completely natural shoulder to Saint Laurent's and Givenchy's traditional padding.

The 1930 F. Scott Fitzgerald look in the shows staged for private clients and store buyers means piles of pleats, not only vertical but also horizontal such as for a body-hugging cocktail dress at Jean-Louis Scherrer's parade.

These flowing 1930 styles with draped tops and drifting skirts meant a slight shift in Paris from the body-clinging silhouette that has dominated fashion for a half



Above the knee: a Christian Dior model presents a chequered wool skirt with a silk jacket.

dozen years. But most of the styles last week still firmly outlined the bust, waist and hips.

The spring-summer handmade fashions were rich with embroidery and lace that the ready-to-wear cannot do. There was enough glitter to light up the sky with rhinestone straps holding up chiffon saris gowns at Christian Dior and rhinestones edging short, snug daytime gray suits at Emanuel Ungaro.

Louis Feraud, long an expert with all-over beaded gowns, showed more than ever, from two

long sheaths entirely beaded with pearls to jackets and dresses embroidered with wood, seashells, mirrors and wood.

## Classic

Even classic tailored suits had embroidered pockets or collars at Dior, Lanvin, Scherrer and Carven.

More lavish embroidery gleamed in Ungaro's line reflecting costumes of the French Revolution days 200 years ago, featuring a "towering insect-like construction atop the collar of one model."

## Blood, sweat and tears — recipe for fashion success

The best raw materials, the best designers, and the technology to back it up — these are the ingredients of success in the international fashion market, according to Bilal Ahmed. With no background in fashion or design, he has built Ammar from nothing into one of Pakistan's leading manufacturer of quality clothes.

SOMETIMES Ahmed wonders whether the "blood, sweat and tears" which have taken him to the top would have been better expended on earlier interests. Urdu literature, for instance, which he studied for his degree from the Lahore Government College, or even flying. With a pilot's licence he had visions of a career in the air, until grounded by his father who wanted a hand in the family carpet business.

From there, fashion was not a huge change of direction. First came his spinning plant to exploit the high quality of Pakistan's raw materials, but harnessing them to the latest technology and expertise was more difficult.

Ahmed travelled the world, looking and learning. Finally, in the British manufacturing centre of Leicester, he found the right production manager, Tom Tongue, and persuaded him to come to Pakistan.

For the first crucial years Tom trained staff and helped to shape the policies on which the Bilal empire was founded. Local success had first to be achieved, but as quality improved, a trickle of orders from abroad began to arrive. And with them came the discipline of international quality control.

Quality has in fact been Ahmed's watchword in his battle to produce designer clothes that would hold their own with the best of the West.

Another key figure in his strategy has been an old friend, Mashud Elahi, who joined him in 1985. Side by side they have insisted on nothing less than clothes of the highest quality, rather than churn out money-spinning, sub-standard goods. Now, a specialist designer team is rapidly bringing the day closer when Ammar's clothes will proudly flaunt the Ammar label through the whole of the

fashion world. Already this year Ahmed has orders worth Rs 110,000,000. Since 1986 his clothes have been sold in America under the banner of Harcrest International. Allied Stores and other big outlets in the US are also stockists.

Clamouring European houses are clamouring for his work. The French designer, Daniel Hechter, has decided that some of his new range of Canadian designer clothes will be made by Ammar and development work has begun on young, trendy ranges of Chelsea Girl, Mothercare and Next.

In Pakistan George Porter, president of the shirt division of Levi Strauss, visited Ahmed's factory, as a result, booked its total production capacity for six months from September.

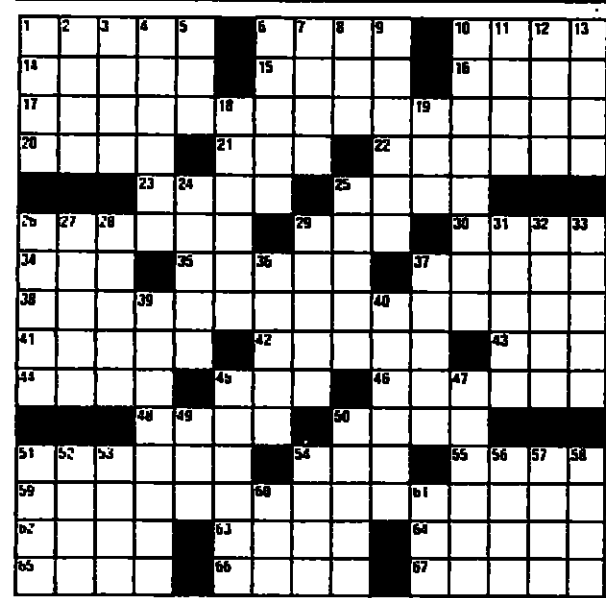
His executives have followed him to Lahore to learn about the "highly efficient Ammar system." Porter says: "We buy for more than 50 companies from Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea, but nobody has taken the same trouble over quality control." Generously he added: "Other companies live for today. Ammar lives for tomorrow."

Courtesy: Libas



Fashions by Ammar: one of Pakistan's leading garment exporters. Bilal Ahmed is seen with his wife and children.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Rio Grande leader
  - 6 American anthropologist
  - 10 Author Ferber
  - 14 Rust
  - 15 Portland, old style
  - 16 Like a church mouse
  - 17 Quits
  - 20 Bishoprics
  - 21 Wedding announcement word
  - 22 Plow man and family
  - 23 Deep orange-red quartz
  - 25 "Things are seldom what they are"
  - 26 Second-hand transaction
  - 29 Bossy's chew
  - 30 Epic poetry
  - 34 Europ defense org.
  - 35 Star's award
  - 37 Jim who sang about Leroy Brown
  - 38 Unlikely
  - 41 Grows bright
  - 42 Unit of length
  - 43 Mongrel
  - 44 Of an age
  - 45 Not here - Abbr.
  - 46 Fall bloomers
  - 48 Yes -?
  - 50 Aware of
  - 51 Like an ox
  - 54 Before center or cycle
  - 55 152, to Cato
  - 59 Appears deadly pale
  - 62 Pot filler
  - 63 Ideal spot
  - 64 High home
  - 65 Alligator, e.g.
- DOWN**
- 1 Cribbage markers
  - 2 Pennsylvania port
  - 3 Sheltered spot
  - 4 Site of "Potemkin" revolt
  - 5 Processes: Suffix
  - 6 Brooded
  - 7 Punta del
  - 8 Kind of blond
  - 9 Having documents of ownership
  - 10 Fleeting things
  - 11 Portal
  - 12 Pinocchio's undoing
  - 13 Fine
  - 18 Agitation
  - 19 Expression of enthusiasm
  - 24 At - for words
  - 25 City N of Bombay
  - 26 "The Cloister"
  - 27 Mystery writer's prize
  - 28 Vowel sound
  - 29 Bistros
  - 31 - de Leon
  - 32 Happen
  - 33 Prophets
  - 36 Jazz group
  - 37 Storage place
  - 39 Bystander
  - 40 Braincases
  - 45 "The Complete"
  - 47 Dundee dowry
  - 48 Hosp. people
  - 50 Unlocks
  - 51 Sarcastic rebuke
  - 52 Manner of speaking
  - 53 Ecclesiastical tribunal
  - 54 Made do, with "out"
  - 56 Body of knowledge
  - 57 Egyptian goddess
  - 58 Natives: Suffix
  - 60 Promising words
  - 61 Generation -

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
KILL THAT RUBRIC

Both vulnerable. North deals.

## NORTH

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Q J 10 7 2  
K 10 2

## WEST

A K 8 3  
8 5 3  
J 6 4  
J 9 7

## EAST

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A 9 6 4  
Q 7 5  
6 4 3

## SOUTH

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A 9 8 3  
Q 8 2

The bidding:

North East South West  
1 Pass 1 Pass  
2 Pass 2 NT Pass  
3 NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♠

Our father was a wise man. We remember him telling us: "Listen to the words of your elders, for they have learned from experience. Then be sure that you don't make the same mistakes they did!"

At both tables in a team game, North-South reached a contract of three no trumps. The auctions were identical and normal.

In light of South's initial re-

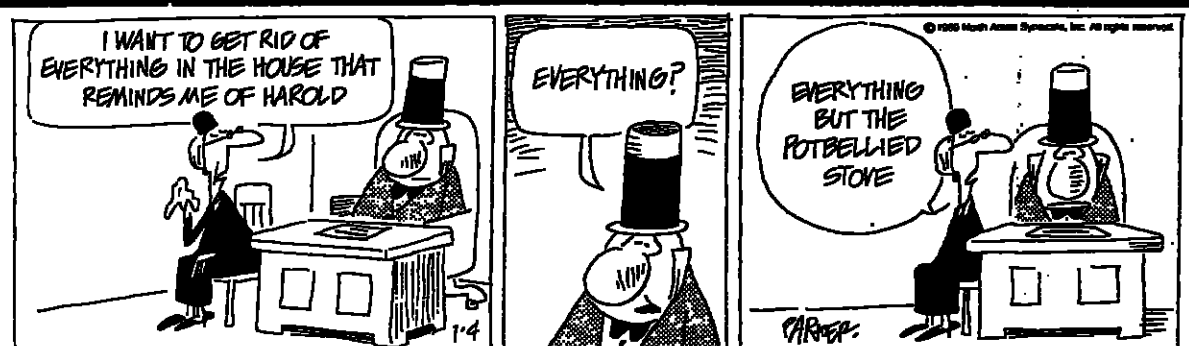
sponse, a spade lead was ruled out, and neither West felt like leading from jack-third in a minor suit; so the opening lead at both tables was a top-of-nothing heart. Both Easts rose with the ace and found the excellent defense of switching to the jack of spades.

At one table, declarer remembered being taught: "Cover an honor with an honor." He put up the queen of spades. West won the king and returned a low spade to his partner's ten. A spade continuation through declarer's nine allowed West to score the ace-eight, and the defenders had four spades and the ace of hearts in the bank before declarer had blinked an eye.

At the other table, declarer worked out that, if he ducked the jack of spades, he was in jeopardy only if East had made a spectacular shift to the jack from J x x. All other spade distributions could be defused. He therefore played low, and no matter how the defense continued the contract was as secure as Fort Knox. Had East continued with a low spade, declarer intended inserting the nine. When, in fact, East continued with the ten, declarer covered with the queen and West could do him no harm.

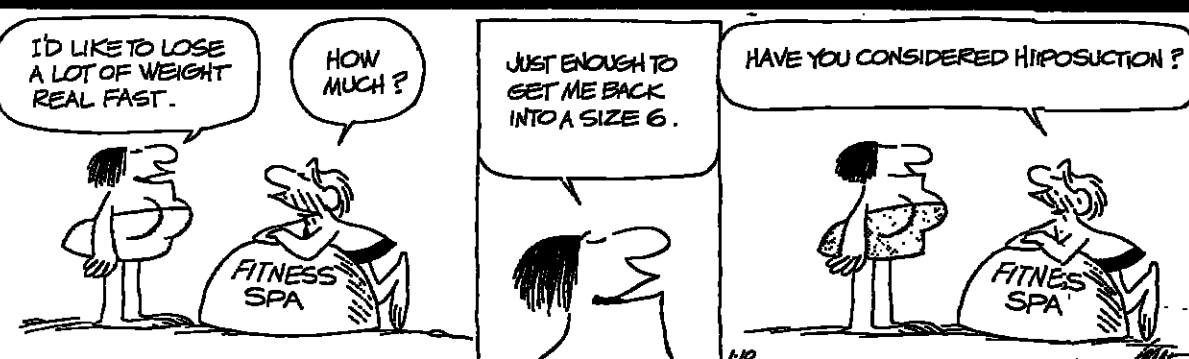
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

<p><b>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</b></p> <p>Your situation is about to change for the better — don't do anything to spoil it. You should not allow curiosity to get the better of you. Do not expect everything to proceed quite as you would wish. Be resilient.</p>	<p><b>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</b></p> <p>You must not expect to get something for nothing. The Moon's better influence will help you to cope with your problems. Do not attempt to do too many things all at once. Be generous.</p>	<p><b>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)</b></p> <p>At the moment, you will not be at your best but by application you will be able to compensate for temporary lack of flair. You should not do anything just hoping for the best.</p>	<p><b>Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)</b></p> <p>You will be a rather better frame of mind. You must watch out for someone who is liable to take advantage of one of your smaller failings. Do not flow love to grow stale. Be reliable.</p>
<p><b>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</b></p> <p>You are subject to positive influences but you will still have to keep a level head. The Moon's influence will tend to make your mood more variable. Do not expect everyone to play your tune. Be moderate.</p>	<p><b>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</b></p> <p>You will have some disappointment but by and large there is a lot to be grateful for. You should not judge by appearances nor should you allow yourself to be thrown off track. Do as you would be done by. Be tolerant.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)</b></p> <p>The Moon's favourable influence will help you to mend a few broken fences. You should work hard but not allow it to eat too much into your leisure time. Avoid driving too long without a break. Be reasonable.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)</b></p> <p>You would do well to get on with what you have in mind, later may be too late. Avoid using things on the spur of the moment. Avoid allowing yourself to be so self-satisfied. Be prompt.</p>
<p><b>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</b></p> <p>The Sun's more favourable influence will help you to get your own way. You should not take too much for granted. If you want to be loved love in your turn. Be polite.</p>	<p><b>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</b></p> <p>You will be able to get your way in some but not in all things. The situation is prevalently favourable but you should be on the lookout for hidden snags. Do not let your affections run away with you. Be more patient.</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</b></p> <p>You will have some doubts but you will be able to get a lot done in their despite. There is good reason for optimism but none for complacency. You are rather liable to make mistakes so watch out. Be observant.</p>	<p><b>Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 19)</b></p> <p>You should make yourself just a little more approachable. Avoid doing two or more things at the same time, or trying to. Keep your objectives very much in mind. Do not be in too great a hurry. Be pertinent.</p>



"I need a pair of dancing shoes with steel-toe caps."



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Oil producers seek joint action to support prices around \$18

# Oman ready to cut exports within non-OPEC pact

MANAMA, Bahrain, Jan 30, (Agencies): Omani Oil Minister Saeed Al Shanfari was quoted today as saying his country was ready to reduce its oil exports within a pact for similar cuts by other oil producers outside the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The minister's pledge was made in a statement to his country's Arabic-language daily Oman and broadcast by Muscat radio, monitored in Bahrain.

"Oman is ready to reduce its exports within the framework of a general agreement for oil producers outside OPEC," Shanfari was quoted as saying. He did not give any percentage.

He said an anticipated meeting by oil ministers of OPEC and non-OPEC producers, "could end with a request to non-OPEC producers to reduce their exports

or freeze those at present, and Oman will respond to that in line with the response of the others."

But Shanfari stressed that a unilateral adherence to such a request would be pointless as it would have no impact on the market and price stability. "All should co-operate," he stressed.

Shanfari's pledge comes on the heels of the recent London meeting of experts from six OPEC members and seven independent oil producers seeking joint action to support oil prices around the \$18 per barrel benchmark.

The non-OPEC participants — Oman, Angola, China, Colombia, Egypt, Malaysia and Mexico — said they agreed on an unspecified set of actions but that they wished to advise their own ministers before revealing them to OPEC.

The meeting followed the

OPEC agreement, enforced on Jan 1, to restrict unbridled output for its 13 member states by about three million barrels to an aggregate ceiling of 18.5 million barrels per day. The organisation has been seeking the co-operation of independent producers to absorb a glut on the market and arrest a 2-year slide in oil prices.

At a first meeting of the two sides last April, independent producers suggested a five per cent cut all round.

Shanfari told the newspaper that his country was playing "an important role" in such co-ordination.

The London conference reflected "firm desire to co-operate for the stability of prices and for attaining the \$18 price as a uniform one as soon as possible," he said.

He was optimistic that the drive will lead to efforts to achieve price stability, he said.

The sultanate produces about 600,000 barrels per day of which it exports about 550,000 barrels. It has in the past also restricted its output to help OPEC stabilise the market.

Meanwhile, OPEC Secretary-General Subroto said in Caracas today he would propose an early meeting of key oil ministers of OPEC and non-OPEC producers, possibly in March.

"As secretary-general, I will propose an early meeting.... March or so," he told reporters on arrival for talks with several OPEC ministers who are due to attend the inauguration this week of Venezuelan President-elect Carlos Andres Perez.

But the oil ministers of the countries involved in talks in

London last week on possible joint moves to stabilise the world oil market would have to decide themselves exactly when and where to meet, Subroto said in response to questions.

Asked if the talks might take place in Vienna, Subroto said: "They (the ministers) have to decide but I think Vienna is a good place to meet." The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries has its headquarters in Vienna.

**Co-operation**

"Some action has to be taken during the second quarter when about the second half of 1989 and beyond as a reflection of co-operation between OPEC and non-OPEC," Subroto said.

Technical experts from OPEC members Algeria, Indonesia, Kuwait, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela met experts from

non-OPEC producers Angola, China, Colombia, Egypt, Malaysia, Mexico and Oman last Thursday.

The non-OPEC seven said after the talks they endorsed OPEC's \$18-per-barrel price target and said they would recommend to their governments various unspecified ways of co-operating with OPEC to try to reach this level and stabilise what has been a volatile market.

On Friday traders showed their disappointment at the lack of any concrete market-boosting measures at the talks, despite that fact the experts had no policy role.

North Sea Brent blend for March delivery, the most widely-traded grade of spot crude, ended in London on Friday at \$16.25/30 per barrel, down from Thursday's 16.65/70 close.

## World Business Summary

### W. German banker sounds warning on US inflation

FRANKFURT, Jan 30, (Reuters): Karl Otto Poehl, president of the West German central bank, said yesterday the United States had a good chance of keeping inflation under control but warned of grave consequences if it failed. Bundesbank president Poehl, in a speech to Hamburg businessmen made shortly before important international monetary talks next week, said there was no doubt that US authorities were determined to pursue policies aimed at price stability. "The hopes are therefore not unfounded, that (the US) will continue to succeed in holding inflation and inflationary expectations in bounds," he said. But, according to a text of the speech released in Frankfurt, he added: "An acceleration of price rises in the US... would not leave the rest of the world untouched and would be likely, sooner or later, to mean the end of the seven-year trend of world economic growth," he said. Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, said last week that he aimed to keep a tight grip on credit because US inflation was already too high and could rise further unless the economy slowed down. Poehl will represent the Bundesbank when central bankers and finance ministers of the Group of Seven (G-7) leading industrial nations hold talks in Washington on Feb 2 and 3. The G-7 comprises the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada. Poehl also said the new US administration of President Bush should aim to bring domestic demand under control as the American contribution to reducing global trade imbalances. "The decisive contribution to improved balances must come from the US, in that it better adjusts domestic demand to its own economic potential," he said. He added: "It is unsatisfactory when the world's richest nation is also the biggest debtor nation." Poehl also said a strong West German mark would help to reduce global trade imbalances. The weakness of the mark last year boosted West German exports and helped produce a record trade surplus for the country.

### European car firms see Toyota move raising competition

LONDON, Jan 30, (Reuters): A Toyota Motor Corp. plant making cars in Britain would sharply increase competition in Europe and add to overcapacity in the industry, European car firms told Reuters yesterday. West Germany's Volkswagen AG, commenting on Toyota's announcement that it was considering a \$600-million (\$1 billion) car plant in Britain, said: "It would be further proof that competition in the European car market will take on a new dimension." A spokesman for Vauxhall Motors Ltd, the British car making arm of General Motors Corp., said Japanese involvement in Europe was likely to increase after 1992, when trade barriers are due to come down in the European Economic Community (EEC), whether in the form of imports or Japanese car firms having European manufacturing.

"All of our strategy, moving towards 1992 in particular, recognises that there would be in any case an increasingly competitive climate," he said. Some of the European groups called for reciprocity, or better access to the Japanese market. Foreign companies sold only 560,000 vehicles in Japan in the last decade while 8.2 million Japanese cars were exported to the EEC, an EEC spokesman said in November last year. Toyota president Shoichiro Toyoda said yesterday the plant was expected to produce 200,000 cars a year with 1,800cc engines. At least 60 per cent of parts would be bought in Europe initially, rising to 80 per cent. In Paris, a Peugeot spokesman said the group wanted to see 80 per cent EEC content. Peugeot chairman Jacques Calvet, in a recent interview with a Japanese television station, said: "The implantation of Japanese factories in Europe is going to increase the production overcapacity which we already have." In Turin, a Fiat SPA spokesman said: "Japanese manufacturers are acceptable as free competitors in Europe, providing that the cars built here have 80 per cent local content." He said US groups with European subsidiaries were able to operate without distorting the market.

### Kremlin reforms played

MOSCOW, Jan 30, (Reuters): The Soviet Union's current economic reform programme is based on false premises and will generate inflation and lower standards of living, a Soviet economist wrote yesterday. Economist L. Piyasheva, in an article in the daily *Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya*, predicted Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's "perestroika" reforms would fail to provide more consumer goods for Soviet families. Piyasheva also warned against tendencies to resolve the country's problems through foreign borrowing and called for cuts in defence spending and subsidies on food and social services. Gorbachev's recent speeches have called for concerted efforts in promoting economic self-management to make up for poor industrial performance and chronic shortages of even basic food and consumer goods. He has also called for defence cuts and reduced subsidies to plug a budget deficit estimated to stand at 100 billion roubles (\$161 billion). Piyasheva said plans to make enterprises self-financing by this year had virtually collapsed because the lack of a free market meant industry was unable to obtain materials other than from the state planning authorities. Industry, she said, was instead restoring to its old tactic of trying to lower targets set out by planning authorities. "Obviously, one cannot expect to have growth in consumer goods from such a reform full of half-measures," she said.

No growth in productivity and continuous increases in workers' nominal incomes made inflation inevitable, she said. Increasing borrowing abroad would only compound the problem. "There is therefore every reason to believe that in this year's plan there is a vicious inflationary strategy," she said. "The original concept of reforms, dragging behind them adopted laws that are not working, involves a whole series of deliberate decisions promoting inflation. We must therefore adopt clear final goals and the means to achieve them." Piyasheva said it was vital to eliminate the constraints of centralised planning to ensure the country's social welfare. "Otherwise, we will be getting well-being on credit," she said. "That is, construction of new schools and medical institutions will be carried out on the basis of printed money and the devaluation of our incomes." She called for strict cuts in food subsidies paid out since the 1920s as well as cuts in what she said was almost certainly an understated defence budget.

### Iranian refinery capacity boosted

NICOSIA, Jan 30, (AP): An official from Iran's state-run oil company said Saturday that downstream capacity at Iran's five operating oil refineries has been increased by 45 per cent, Tehran Radio reported.

The official, who was not identified, said capacity was boosted through repairs and modifications at the refineries after they were pounded in Iraq air and rocket attacks during the eight-year Gulf war, according to the state-run radio.

The radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted the official as saying capacity at the Isfahan, Shiraz, Tabriz, Tehran, and Bakhtaran refineries is now 45 per cent up on their previous combined total of 580,000 barrels of oil a day.

The radio quoted the official as saying: "Despite the fact that all our refineries were attacked by Iraq more than 30 times, and production was halted at each installation for a period, our experts... to rebuild the damaged refineries even during the attacks."

Rebuilding the war-battered refineries was a top priority for the government following the Aug 20 ceasefire in the Gulf war.

The Abadan Refinery, the world's largest, is due to resume operating in April at reduced capacity.

Because of heavy war damage, output will be only 380,000 barrels a day, well below its former capacity of 628,000 barrels a day.

After its own refineries were damaged, Iran decided in 1987 to establish downstream facilities abroad and now owns shares in refineries in South Africa and South Korea.

Iran also imports over 150,000 barrels a day of refined products through processing deals with South Yemen and other countries.

### Cocoa crisis talks fail to revive pact

LONDON, Jan 30, (Reuters): Cocoa producers have been left at the mercy of a glut by the collapse of talks with consuming nations which were called to try to rescue a price-support pact.

Delegates to the failed talks of the International Cocoa Organisation (ICCO) said at the weekend that a further effort to salvage the pact, now in abeyance, would be made in another meeting starting on Sept 1.

But they said the two sides started in disarray on Friday over what price range the ICCO should defend — consumers avoured lower prices — and over members' huge debts to the ICCO.

Consumer spokesman Peter Baron of West Germany said he was disappointed and bitter. "We will come back in September to see if there is something to live or not," he said.

Producer spokesman Momo Iohann of Ghana said the collapse of the talks did not mean end of the agreement.

"The agreement has a long way to go, I am very optimistic about this. We are having problems, but problems are the life of life. I don't think we need this agreement not to live problems," he said.

ICCO cocoa purchases into a tier stock in support of weak prices reached a limit set under ICCO rules at 250,000 tonnes early one year ago. Oversupply shed world prices to 12-3/4 or lower last summer even with intervention.

## Top Soviet banker rules out sharp expansion in borrowing

MOSCOW, Jan 30, (Reuters): The Soviet Union will maintain a cautious approach to foreign borrowing despite the need to re-equip industry and calls from some economists to boost imports of consumer goods, a leading Soviet banker says.

"There is no problem for us getting money at the moment, the problem is to choose the right equipment to buy with it and to get the best conditions," said Eduard Gostev, deputy chairman of the Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs (Vnesheconombank).

"We had this experience before when we borrowed a lot of money and did not use it properly," he told Reuters in an interview last Friday. "Some of that equipment is still lying in the snow and has not been installed."

**Wasted**

Recently figures showed that by last year around 2.66 billion roubles (\$4.4 billion) of goods bought for previous foreign currency had been wasted, Gostev said.

He said the bank, which has a monopoly on Soviet foreign borrowing, would keep a firm rein. "It may sound bureaucratic but as the institution responsible for borrowing we will try to

squeeze all those who go beyond their real needs."

At the same time, the bank would go on experimenting with various financial instruments — a policy which last year saw the first Soviet issue of foreign bonds since the 1917 revolution.

"The market is growing every day and there are new instruments coming up," he said.

"There is a good English proverb — 'Don't put your eggs in one basket' and this is the policy we are trying to follow."

**Discontent**

With signs of discontent at the failure of "perestroika" to bring improvements in living standards, a debate has been raging over calls for more borrowing to re-equip industry and to import more consumer goods.

The debate has continued despite a speech by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev this month, in which he rejected such calls to buy popular support for his reform programme.

According to Western figures, there was a sharp 68.8 per cent increase in Soviet foreign borrowing from 1984 to 1987, taking total debt to \$38 billion by 1987. The rise was in large part due to the sharp fall in the price of oil, which was catastrophic for the

Soviet Union, a major oil producer. According to Gostev, around 80 per cent of Soviet foreign currency earnings come from energy products.

The rise took outstanding debt to around 87 per cent of exports by 1987, up from 35 per cent in 1984, while some 23 per cent of exports went just on servicing the debt, against 14 per cent in 1983.

### Power authority to introduce new tariff system

LAGOS, Jan 30, (OPECNA): The Nigerian National Electric Power Authority (NEPA) is to introduce a different tariff system, according to the Minister of Mines, Power and Steel, Alhaji Bunu Sheriff Musa.

Under the new system, the minister said here at the weekend, consumers who used power for luxury items would be made to pay higher charges.

He added that modalities were being worked out to ensure that the "common man" would not be affected by the increase, adding that a review had become necessary because of the rise in power production and distribution costs.

## EEC competition chief to shake up airlines and telecommunications

BRUSSELS, Jan 30, (Reuters): The European Economic Community's new commissioner for competition policy, Sir Leon Brittan, served notice on Friday that he intended to shake up the bloc's airline, telecommunications and energy industries.

Brittan in his first speech since taking office earlier this month said he would be "vigilant and active" in ensuring competition policy reinforced the EEC's drive to weld together its 12 national markets by the end of 1992.

**Stimulus**

"It is always competition and only competition which provides the stimulus for efficiency, for innovation and for ensuring the widest consumer choice," Brittan said in a lecture at Newcastle University in England. Extracts were released in Brussels.

Brittan, a former British and industry minister, made clear he opposed letting West European companies join forces "on a scale which would be monopolistic," as a means of strengthening European industry against US and Japanese competition.

"I believe that such an approach would be profoundly misguided... because companies that are allowed to operate in a

monopolistic way in their own home markets, whether those are national or European, are in fact unlikely to become world beaters," he said.

"Competition at home is the best training for competition abroad."

Brittan said he intended to ensure that competitive forces were applied equally to all sectors of the EEC's economy, and he singled out air transport as being of particular concern.

"Air travel is still too expensive in Europe and this is largely due to a plethora of restrictive practices by airlines and governments," he said.

A package of measures to introduce more competition between airlines and push down airfares that took effect last year was only a start and more ambitious plans had to follow quickly, Brittan said.

"I believe much greater liberalisation of this sector must be achieved as quickly as possible in the interests of all concerned, and I intend to pursue this goal."

Brittan said he would also be actively considering new moves to open up the telecommunications and energy sectors to greater competition.

## Storm clouds still loom over the economy

## Turkey may relax purse-strings on foreign projects

ISTANBUL, Jan 30, (Reuters): Turkey announced a record current account surplus yesterday and bankers predicted that signs of economic recovery meant work might start soon on some shelved foreign-financed projects.

Beside the current account surplus, the official trade figures for January-November last year also showed sharply higher tourism revenues and a narrower trade deficit.

**Banned**

"One bank has more than 10 projects ready for signing and I bet they're all over 12 months old," said one senior banker. "I think they'll be left off the hook with one or two."

Big new foreign-financed projects have in effect been banned since early 1988, but bankers

said work might now finally start on long-delayed schemes like a metro for Ankara, a power station in southeast Turkey and a new terminal and world trade centre for Istanbul airport.

But they said bigger projects such as a third bridge over the Bosphorus waterway might have longer to wait as officials continued to curb spending to try to bring down an annual inflation rate now running at 75 per cent.

Turkey had a current account surplus of \$742 million in the first 11 months of 1988 compared with a deficit of \$529 million in the same 1987 period. The trade deficit shrank by 30 per cent, tourism revenues soared 43 per cent to \$2 billion.

Foreign bankers predict that the trade deficit will continue to shrink, with exports increasing at

a rate of about 10 per cent in 1989 after about 13 per cent in 1988.

Non-military foreign debt has fallen five per cent from \$38.3 billion at the end of 1987 to \$36.4 billion at the end of October 1988. In international debt markets, Turkey's foreign debt now trades at par, bankers say.

But storm clouds still loom over the economy as business shies away from 140 per cent loan rates, industry lays off workers and the real income of people declines.

A 1988 austerity programme hit Turkey's economic brakes so hard that the annual growth rate estimate dropped two points in the last quarter of the year, prompting fears of a recession.

"The growth rate will definitely be under five per cent in 1988," said one senior official.

The gross national product (GNP) grew by 7.4 per cent in 1987 and 8.1 per cent in 1986.

Growth in exports is slowing, with exporters complaining of confusing signals from the government about future incentives after the cancellation of a tax rebate scheme.

"It's like driving a car in the fog," said Mustafa Suzer, chairman of the Turkish Foreign Trade Association. "For exporters, 1989 will be a trial by fire."

One top official said the slump in the domestic market would force Turkish industry "to export or die."

Officials have spoken of incentives to stimulate the economy if the GNP growth rate does drop below five per cent but the Treasury will not allow inflationary spending of the type which

sent foreign debt soaring in 1986 and 1987.

"Without slowing down the economy, it is impossible to stop inflation," said Yusuf Ozal, the state minister in charge of the economy. "But if you do this excessively, then inflation will come together with recession."

**Surplus**

The payments surplus and investment has brought an unprecedented excess of foreign cash, with foreign currency and gold held by commercial banks and the central bank rising over 30 per cent in 1988 to a record \$6.7 billion.

"It always used to be, how can we borrow more money?" said one senior foreign banker in Istanbul. "Now they're asking where can we invest what we have?"

### Trade in East bloc still difficult

## COMECON marks 40th birthday

MOSCOW, Jan 30, (Reuters): Forty years after the foundation of the Soviet-trading bloc COMECON, crossing the border between its member countries is still a painfully slow business.

Forget the thinly-manned customs posts and green "nothing to declare" channels found at the borders between member countries of its Western counterpart, the European Economic Community.

Visitors to the Soviet Union from its East European allies instead face long queues coming into the country as customs men painstakingly check the contents of suitcases, trucks and cars.

**Prohibited**

And, starting on Feb 1, they will also be prohibited from taking many consumer goods from caviar to television back out with them as Moscow responds to similar curbs introduced by Poland, Bulgaria, East Germany and Czechoslovakia.

The move, taken in response to chronic domestic shortages of consumer goods, appears at odds with speeches by leaders of the group, formally known as the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA), emphasising

continuing economic integration.

In an article in the Soviet Communist Party daily *Pravda* this month marking COMECON's 40th anniversary, Soviet CMEA representative Nikolai Talyzin spoke of "changing the very model of economic relationships" between members.

But such tit-for-tat curbs also symbolise the difficulties of creating a unified market out of 10 centrally-planned economies whose leaders are increasingly divided over the speed and extent to which they should introduce market-based reforms.

**Co-ordinating**

"COMECON is not really a multilateral trade organisation in any operational sense, like the European Economic Community," said one Western expert here. "It is just a system of bilateral ties aimed at co-ordinating plans and keeping the books."

"They clearly want to reform but if you listen to the speeches, they are basically saying the same as two or three years ago. It is going to be a very slow and difficult process."

The problems came into the open at a meeting in July in

Prague when Romania refused to go along with a bold-sounding plan agreed by its partners to create an integrated market within the alliance as part of an overhaul of COMECON.

The plan called only for a gradual transition and gave no time frame, but Romania opposed it on grounds that putting links onto a more market-oriented basis will make it abandon the rigid central-planning at home to which it sticks for decades.

**Reservations**

East Germany, the Soviet Union's largest trading partner and the bloc's strongest economy, gave formal backing, but diplomats said it also had reservations for the same reasons.

Ranged against them are the other European members, led by Hungary, which is at the forefront of Eastern Europe's reform movement and also, to an increasing extent, the Soviet Union.

Foreign analysts say Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and Poland are somewhere in between, with the non-European — Vietnam, Cuba and Mongolia — basically following Moscow's line.

## Shell earnings plunge

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan 30, (AP): Shell Oil Co. is blaming lower crude oil prices for a 51.4 per cent plunge in earnings during the fourth quarter of 1988 compared with the same period a year ago.

Houston-based Shell also said a charge related to environmental cleanup at the Rocky Mountain arsenal in Colorado contributed to the company's quarterly decline.

For the fourth quarter ending Dec 31 and made public on Wednesday, Shell posted earnings of \$212 million, compared with 436 million in same quarter in 1987. Revenues for the quarter were \$5.5 billion, down 7.2 per cent from the \$5.9 billion for the same year-ago period.

Shell does not release per-share figures because the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell based in the Netherlands.

**Income**

For the year, Shell had net income of \$1.24 billion, a slight increase from the \$1.23 billion in 1987. The annual earnings included a positive \$35 million cumulative effect from prior years on accounting changes made in 1988, primarily for income taxes and capitalisation

of interest.

Revenues for all of 1988 were \$21.4 billion, compared to \$21.2 billion in 1987.

"Earnings in both oil and chemical products businesses reached record levels in 1988," said Shell president Frank H. Richardson.

"These strong performances of our products businesses offset the negative impact of sharply lower crude oil prices on exploration and production earnings, and enabled the company to maintain overall earnings at approximately the 1987 level."

**Increase**

Richardson said the recent increase in oil prices has been helping exploration and production performance.

The company's oil and gas exploration and production earnings for the quarter were \$51 million, a 75 per cent decline. For all of 1988, earnings in the segment were down 56 per cent to \$326 million. Richardson blamed both declines on lower crude oil prices.

Domestic crude oil averaged \$10.99 per barrel for the quarter, down \$4.34 from last year. Full-year crude oil prices were down \$3.05, averaging \$12.46 per barrel, the lowest since 1979.

**TRANE** Air Conditioning

Abdulhamid Yousuf Al-Essa Est.

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## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1989

LONDON  
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	226.0
ABBIE LFE	316.5	238.0	
ADT LTD	137.0	305.0	
ALD LYONS	491.0	504.0	
AMSTRAD	189.0	604.0	
ARGYLL GP	194.0	421.0	
ASDA GP	153.0	498.0	
BAA	304.0	338.0	
BTR	346.0	352.0	
BAT INDS	554.0	615.0	
BARCLAYS	470.0	289.0	
BEAZER	917.0	183.0	
BEECHAM	548.0	211.0	
BERISFORD	415.0	91.0	
BICC PLC	445.0	280.0	
BLUE ARW	88.0	590.0	
BLUE CIRC	492.0	470.0	
BOD GP	488.0	31.0	
BOOTS CO	256.0	149.0	
BPH INDS	245.0	310.0	
BR COHM	237.0	638.0	
BR AIRWAY	196.0	430.0	
BR AEROSP	524.0	715.0	
BR GAS RG	179.0	240.0	
BR LAND	376.0	262.0	
B.P.	172.0	313.0	
B.P. PP	172.0	329.0	
BR STEEL	76.75	249.0	
BR TELCOM	289.5	289.0	
BURMAN OL	553.0	289.0	
BURTON	202.0	486.0	
CABLEWIR	429.0	437.0	
CADBURYS	366.0	80.00	
CALOR GRP	391.0	236.0	
CRITN R T	784.0	425.0	
COOKSON	303.0	126.0	
COURTAULD	306.0	377.0	
DALGETY	347.0	552.0	
DIXONS	156.0	521.0	
ENG CHINA	504.0	55.0	
ENSLER LTD	554.0	55.0	
F&K BARCK	107.0	55.0	
FERRANT	107.0	55.0	
FISONS	281.0	55.0	
GATEWAY	178.0	55.0	
GEN ACCIO	946.0	55.0	
GEN ELEC	220.0	55.0	
GLAXO	200.0	55.0	
GRAND	367.0	55.0	
GLOBE	165.0	55.0	
GLYNED	307.0	55.0	
GUARD RYL	210.0	55.0	
GKN	353.0	55.0	
GUINNESS	386.0	55.0	
HMERSA	803.0	55.0	
HANSON	178.0	55.0	
HARRIS C	708.0	55.0	
HAKER SID	645.0	55.0	
HILLSDOWN	270.0	55.0	
ICI	139.0	55.0	

LONDON  
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	830.0	829.0
600 GROUP	120.0	119.0
A.AMER TS	402.0	403.0
A.B.ELECT	427.0	425.0
A.S.W.HLD	211.0	212.0
AAB KENT	91.0	90.0
AAH HLD	320.0	321.0
AARONSON	126.0	126.0
ADDISON	31.0	31.0
ADVEST	155.0	155.0
ALEX WKW	171.0	171.0
ALEXON	349.0	349.0
ALLO COLL	129.0	130.0
ALLO IR B	254.0	263.0
ALLO LON	137.0	137.0
ALLO PLNT	69.0	70.0
ALLIANCE	936.0	939.0
AMBER DAY	47.0	47.0
AMEC	387.0	388.0
AMER TST	133.0	133.0
AMERSHAM	513.0	512.0
AMT HLTHC	267.0	267.0
ANGLIA TV	230.0	229.0
ANSBACHER	78.0	78.0
APPLYARD	431.0	430.0
APV PLC	41.0	41.0
ASHLEY LA	110.0	110.0
AUS REE A	231.0	231.0
AUST REED	375.0	375.0
AUTO SECS	254.0	255.0
AVDEL PLC	99.0	99.0
AVESCO	129.0	130.0
AVIS EUR	347.0	348.0
AVON RUBB	651.0	652.0
B. WEINILL	220.0	220.0
BAILL JAP	522.0	521.0
BAILL SHI	95.0	95.0
BANK (W)	252.0	253.0
BANK IRE	256.0	255.0
BANKER IT	85.0	85.0
BARDON GP	150.0	150.0
BART DEV	185.0	184.0
BAYNES C.	274.0	274.0
BBA GROUP	176.0	177.0
BEAR B. UT	5.0	5.0
BEAR BRAND	10.0	10.0
BEATTIE J	160.0	159.0
BEJAM GP	182.0	182.0
BEHAVEN	49.0	49.0
BELWAY	233.0	233.0
BELMOSE	225.0	225.0
BEMLUX	61.0	61.0
BERKELEY	210.0	210.0
BH GROUP	101.0	102.0
BK OF SCO	99.0	99.0
BLACK LE	12.0	12.0
BL GROUP	398.0	398.0
BNNETT F	112.0	112.0
BOASE NAS	228.0	228.0
BOADWING	184.0	184.0
BOY SHOP	529.0	530.0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1672.6	1638.9	1601.3	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	0	1104.0	1104.0	1008.8
FT ALL INR	1034.11	1034.11	1010.70	926.59
FT GOV SEC	88.57	88.78	88.39	87.03
FT GOLD	170.6	173.9	173.2	161.9
FT MINES F	622.99	622.99	615.54	565.31
FT OIL	1905.8	1905.8	1875.9	1725.4
FT MLD DLR	144.13	143.98	143.82	139.21
FT MLD STG	121.48	120.43	120.40	115.30
FT MLD LCU	129.95	129.10	128.81	123.40

## London Stock Market Report

## U.K. STOCKS REMAIN WELL OFF HIGHS IN LATE TRADE

LONDON, JAN 30, REUTER - LONDON STOCK PRICES WERE WELL OFF THEIR HIGHS IN NERVOUS LATE AFTERNOON TRADE, AS MARKET MAKERS PUSHED PRICES DOWN AFTER AN EARLY RISE ON WALL STREET RAN OUT OF STEAM, DEALERS SAID.

"THERE WASN'T MUCH SELLING DURING THE DECLINE BUT THERE WASN'T MUCH BUYING EITHER SO THE WHOLE MARKET TENDED TO DRIFT LOWER," ONE TRADER COMMENTED. "IT JUST GOES TO SHOW HOW NERVOUS INVESTORS ARE AT THE CURRENT LOFTY LEVELS."

AT 1540 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS A NET 45.6 POINTS UP AT 2,051.5 AFTER A HIGH OF 2,072.7 AT 1412 GMT.

AT TODAY'S HIGH POINT THE FTSE 100'S 66.8 POINT GAIN WAS WAY ABOVE ITS BIGGEST SINGLE DAY GAIN OF 48.6 DURING THE 1987 SUMMER BULL MARKET (ON MAY 8, 1987).

THE FTSE 100'S BIGGEST EVER ONE DAY GAIN CAME PREDICTABLY JUST AFTER THE OCTOBER 19, 1987 GLOBAL STOCK MARKET CRASH WHEN PRICES BOUNCED FROM AN OVERSOLD POSITION. ON OCTOBER 21, 1987 THE FTSE 100 JUMPED 142.2 POINTS TO JUST OVER 1,800.

VOLUME WAS AGAIN SPECTACULAR, WITH OVER 970.5 MLN SHARES TRADED BY 1600 GMT. THIS INCLUDES INTER-MARKET-MAKER TRADES BUT COMPARES WITH THE RECORD CUSTOMER EQUITY TURNOVER OF 997.3 MLN SHARES ON JULY 9, 1987 AT THE HEIGHT OF THE BULL MARKET.

## Precious Metals

LONDON, JAN 30, REUTER - GOLD BULLION CONTINUED TO HOLD ABOVE SESSION LOWS IN QUIET CONDITIONS AND WAS FIXED AT 394 DLRS AN OUNCE, ITS LOWEST FIX SINCE SEPTEMBER 26.

DEALERS SAID SUPPORT HAD HELD AROUND 393 DLRS AFTER AN INITIAL DROP DUE TO THE DOLLAR'S RALLY. THE U.S. CURRENTLY ROSE ABOVE 130 YEN FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE EARLY OCTOBER.

GOLD WAS LAST QUOTED AROUND 393.85/394.35 DLRS AN OUNCE VERSUS OPENING AND PREVIOUS CLOSING LEVELS OF 396.00/396.50 DLRS AND 399.00/399.50 DLRS, RESPECTIVELY.

PLATINUM WAS FIXED THIS AFTERNOON AT 516 DLRS AN OUNCE, ITS LOWEST SINCE LATE DECEMBER.

## London Money Market

LONDON, JAN 30, REUTER - U.K. MONEY MARKET RATES CLOSED WITH A FIRMER BIAS AT THE LONGER END AS LAST FRIDAY'S EUPHORIA SUBSIDED WITH LITTLE HOPE OF A BASE RATE CUT BEFORE THE U.K. BUDGET ON MARCH 14, DEALERS SAID.

FRIDAY'S NEWS OF A SMALLER THAN EXPECTED 1.26 BILLION STG U.K. CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT CONVINCED MANY THAT BASE RATES HAVE PEAKED AT 13 PCT BUT AS ONE TRADER PUT IT, "THERE'S NO WAY YOU ARE GOING TO GET A BASE RATE CUT BEFORE THE BUDGET AND IT MAY NOT COME UNTIL SOME TIME AFTER THAT."

THE KEY THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE CLOSED UNCHANGED AT 13 12-15/16 PCT.

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
DLR	1.7560/70	1.8660/70	6.3460/90	NOON
STG	1.7555/65	3.2775/810	11.1420/535	NOON
DMK	1.8637/8717	3.273/287	29.34/50	NOON
FFR	6.3475/3595	11.1465/1645	339.6/340.27	NOON
SFR	1.5880/5890	2.7911/7929	84.97/85.27	NOON
HFL	2.1095	3.7040	112.89	NOON
ECU	1.11725	0.636066	2.08825	NOON
SDR	1.31667	0.744397	2.43821	NOON
YEN	129.85/95	227.82/8.13		NOON
SDR RATE	27/01/1989	OTHERS	30/01/1989	

## NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	33/4	33/5
ATLANTIC R	84/5	84/7
AAR CORP	26/6	26/5
ABBOTT LAB	48/7	48/6
ACME CLVLD	9/7	9/7
ADV MICRO	9/1	9/1
AEROFI LAB	5/2	5/2
AETNA LIFE	49/4	49/4
AWANSON	18/2	18/2
AIR PR-CHM	21/4	21/3
ALASKA AIR	18/4	18/4
ALBERTSONS	41/2	40/7
ALBMA 8-16	83/4	83/2
ALCAN ALUM	34/7	34/5
ALCO STAND	26/6	26/6
AM CAP SEC	21/4	22/1
AM CYANAMID	51/2	51/2
AM FAMILY	14/3	14/3
AM HOM PRO	85/2	84/4
AM STAND	0	7/77
AM STORES	58/5	58/3
AM TEL-TEL	31/4	31/5
AMCO CORP	76/4	76/4
AMP INC	47/0	46/6
AMCO PITT	0	14/3
AMR CORP	58/0	58/0
AMR GEN CO	33/0	33/1
AMERADA NE	33/2	33/2
ANTHEM ELE	9/6	9/6
APACHE CP	8/2	8/2
APCAL 8-12	0	84/0
ARMSTRONG	34/2	34/1
ASHLAND OIL	35/0	35/2
ASIA PACIFIC	7/4	7/3
ATLS CORP	29/0	29/1
ATVINT INT	24/3	24/2
AVNET INC	22/5	22/5
AVON PRODS	20/7	20/7
BCE INC	31/2	31/2
BELL SOUTH	42/2	42/2
BELO CP A	25/5	25/5
BETH STEEL	26/3	26/3
BEVERLY	7/2	7/2
BNK BOSTON	24/5	24/5
BNK BOSTN-A	40/0	40/0
BNK N-YORK	38/7	39/0
BNK TR-NY	39/3	39/3
BANKAMERICA	20/6	20/5
BANKAM SPEC	6/7	6/7
BOEING CO	63/0	63/1
BOISE CAS	43/0	42/7
BND IN GLD	7/3	7/4
BORDEN	58/0	58/0
BOATMAN	29/0	28/7
BR TELECOM	51/6	49/7
BRIGGS-STR	27/4	27/3
BRIST-MYER	45/6	45/5
BRUNSWICK	18/3	18/3
C 3 INC	0	12/1
C HLD G-EL	22/1	22/2
CABOT CORP	43/4	43/6
CAESARS WD	30/3	30/2
CA FREIGHT	27/1	26/5
CAS NAT GS	15/0	15/1
CAST-COKE	26/6	26/6
CATERPI TR	60/7	60/5
CBT IND	26/7	26/7
CBS	174/2	174/0
CENTEL CP	63/2	63/1
CHAMP INTL	32/2	32/4
CHAMP SPA	18/4	18/6
CHARTER CO	4/2	4/3
CHASE MAN	31/4	31/3
CHRYSLER	0	33/6
CHEMIEC BNC	33/4	33/1
CHEVRO	49/7	49/5
CHRYSLER	28/5	28/7
CHUBB CORP	60/7	60/5
CHUR FR CH	8/5	8/5
CIGNA CORP	51/2	51/0
CIN MILACR	23/2	23/1
CIT CIT ST	39/2	39/2
CIRCLE K	12/5	12/4
CITICORP	27/4	27/1
CLARK EQUI	33/2	33/3
CLOREX	34/0	34/1
CMPL RES	0	15
CMPL RES	31/5	31/5
CND PACIFIC	20/2	20/2
COACHMEN	9/0	9/0
COASTAL	34/4	34/4
COCA-COLA	46/2	46/0
COLECO	1/1	1/2
COLEMAN CO	42/3	42/1
COLL-PALM	46/0	46/2
COLL GAS	35/2	35/0
COLUMBIA-C	0	112/0
COM EDISON	34/4	34/3
CONAGRA	31/4	31/3
CON EDISON	46/7	46/7
CONTINENTAL	34/2	34/2
CONTL ILLN	*03	*03
CONTEL CP	44/6	44/6
CONTR DATA	20/3	20/3
COOPER T-R	23/2	23/0
COOPER CORP	4/5	4/6
CORNING GL	71/0	71/0
CRAY RES	60/6	60/5
CULINET	6/3	6/3
DANA CORP	38/7	38/5
DANIEL IND	10/5	10/5
DATA GEN	18/2	18/0
DAYTON HUD	42/6	42/5
DEC	115/0	115/1
DEERE-CO	47/1	47/2
DELTA AIR	54/6	54/5
DIAMOND SH	17/3	17/2
DISEY	40/7	40/7
DINWIDY	74/4	74/2
DOVER CORP	30/1	29/7
DOM CHEVIC	95/2	96/1
DOW JONES	32/7	32/6
DRESSER IN	30/5	30/2
DREYFUS	29/2	29/2
DUKE POWER	46/3	46/2
DUN BRAD	54/0	54/1
DUPONT	100/2	100/1
DUQUESNE	18/1	18/1
DYNAMICS	23/4	23/2
E SYSTEMS	30/7	30/7
EAGLE PICH	17/1	17/1
EASTERN G	24/5	24/7
EMERSON EL	32/0	32/1
EMERSON RA	5/5	4/5
ETHYL CP	22/6	22/6
EXXON	46/0	46/0
FED DOL ST	13/5	13/6
FED NAT MO	60/6	60/6
FIELDCREST	20/6	20/4
FLEETWOOD	29/5	29/5
FLENNING CO	32/6	32/4
FNC CORP	36/3	36/3
FORD MOTOR	52/6	52/4
FOSTER WHL	15/2	15/3
FRCHLD IND	14/3	16/2
FREE MC OG	4/4	4/3
FST BANK	19/6	19/7
FST CHICAG	33/6	33/6
FST INTERS	46/7	46/6
FST MISSIP	17/4	17/4
GAF CORP	50/5	50/6



WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

LONDON: The Kingdom of Norway is issuing a 200 min stg Eurobond due Feb 14, 1994 paying 10-1/2 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager Samuel Montagu and Co. Ltd said. (KXVW 1517)

LONDON: Credit Foncier de France is issuing a 300 min eur Eurobond due Feb 23, 1999 paying 9-1/2 pct and priced at 101.70 pct, LTCB International Ltd said. (KXUQ 1148)

LONDON: General Motors Acceptance Corp., a unit of General Motors Corp., is issuing a 200 min dlr Eurobond due Feb 27, 1992 paying 8-5/8 pct and priced at 101-1/8 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland (Securities) Ltd said. (KXKN 0823)

LONDON: Toyota Motor Credit Corp., a unit of Toyota Motor Corp., is issuing a 100 min dlr Eurobond due March 1, 1994 paying 8-1/2 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager Wood Gundy Inc. said. (KXTH 0905)

LONDON: John Lewis PLC is issuing a 100 min stg part-paid bond due Jan 23, 2014 paying 10-1/2 pct and priced at 100.233 pct, lead manager Warburg Securities said. (KXUJ 1310)

LONDON: The coupon on the two tranches one billion dlr equity warrant bond for Canon Inc. has been set at 4-1/8 pct compared with the indicated level of 4-1/2 pct, lead manager of the European tranche Yamachi International said. (KXUV 1211)

ZURICH: Swissair-Schweizerische Luftverkehr AG is launching a 200 min Swiss franc 5-1/8 pct 14-year bond priced at par, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (KXWC 1524)

LONDON: Jefferson Smurfit Group PLC, a Dublin based paper and packaging company, said it was making a fully underwritten issue of 114 min Irish punts of 9-3/4 pct convertible unsecured loan stock due July 1, 1998. (KXSU 0838)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 13-1/8 12-7/8	13-1/8 13-1/16	13 12-15/16
FFY 5.50/70	5.50/60	5.55/95
PAR 8-7/16 9/16	8-5/8 3/4	8-3/4 7/8
BR 4-3/8 4-5/8	5-3/8 5-5/8	5-1/2 5-3/4
BRX 5.45	7-1/16 1/2	7-1/16 13/16
ROM 11-3/8 11-7/8	12 12-1/2	12 12-5/8
AMS 6.31/43	6.15/25	6.15/25
TOK 3.29/32 31/32	4.12/32 14/32	4.18/32 20/32
ECU 7.75 8.00	8.00 8.12	8.25 8.37

Interest Rates

Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	7-13/16	8-5/16
3 months	8	8-1/2
6 months	8-1/16	8-9/16
1 year	8-1/16	8-9/16

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	77	78	78 HICO	610	600	613.75
ACC 323.50	330	333	GRASIM	48.75	47.50	48	NUKAND	91.50	92
ASIA PAINT 220	220	220	GSFC	140	143.75	145	OKRAY	25.50	25.50
BAJAJ AUTO 415.50	415	412.50	IND LEVER	72	73.50	72	PEICO	23	22.50
BAR. RAYON	300	305	HINDALCO	187	187	187	PFIZER	69.50	68
BOM. DYING 125	126	124.50	HINDCO	110	108.75	111.25	PRE-ATCO	46.50	47
BR. BOND	118	120	HINDMOTOR	28	28	28	RAYMOND	71.50	71
BSE INDX 655.89	662.62	662.62	IND ORG	43.50	43.50	44	RELIANCE	137.50	142.50
CENTURYSPG 1445	1435	1430	INDORAY	84	83	84.50	SIEMENS	84	83
COLGATE 320	323.75	327.50	INDROL	295	297.50	295	SPIC	46	44.75
DEEPAKFER 37.50	37	37	ITC	48	45	48	STONILLS	250	255
EL. HOTEL 57	55	57	JYSYNTH	85	86	85.50	TATA PUR	375	380
ESKATFE 158.75	140	145	L AND T	118	118	117	TATACHEN	113.50	113
ESSAR 23	23.50	22.75	MAHINDRA	89	92	89	TELCO	762.50	765
GE. POLY 83.75	80	81.75	MATERSHR	16	15.75	16	TISCO	1245	1241
GE. SHIP 38.50	38.50	38.65	MATHER PL	59.50	58	59	VOLTAS	550	540

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
ASIA PAINT	196.5
BAJAJ AUTO	415.50
BAR. RAYON	300
BOM. DYING	125
BR. BOND	118
BSE INDX	655.89
CENTURYSPG	1445
COLGATE	320
DEEPAKFER	37.50
EL. HOTEL	57
ESKATFE	158.75
ESSAR	23
GE. POLY	83.75
GE. SHIP	38.50

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
ASIA PAINT	196.5
BAJAJ AUTO	415.50
BAR. RAYON	300
BOM. DYING	125
BR. BOND	118
BSE INDX	655.89
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Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE LOWER IN THIN TRADE

TOKYO, JAN 30, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED LOWER IN THIN TRADE, AFTER LAST WEEK'S STRONG GAINS AND A SHARP WEAKENING OF THE YEN AGAINST THE DOLLAR PROMPTED INVESTORS TO TAKE PROFITS OR SIT ON THE SIDELINES, BROKERS SAID.

"THIS IS A TYPE OF SPEED ADJUSTMENT WHICH COULD CONTINUE TOMORROW, BUT AFTER THAT THE MARKET WILL BE STRONG AGAIN," SAID TERUO YUJE, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER OF YASUDA TRUST AND BANKING CO LTD.

THE NIKKEI INDEX FELL 111.57 POINTS, OR 0.35 PCT, TO CLOSE AT 31,567.50, DOWN SHARPLY FROM THE NEW TRADED HIGH OF 31,743.22 REACHED IN INITIAL TRADE.

THE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 52.94 POINTS TO A RECORD CLOSE OF 31,679.07 ON SATURDAY, WHEN IT ALSO REACHED THE PREVIOUS RECORD TRADED HIGH OF 31,729.71.

THE NIKKEI ROSE TO NEW RECORD CLOSES ON FOUR OUT OF SIX DAYS LAST WEEK FOR A TOTAL GAIN OF 508.69 POINTS, OR 1.63 PCT, IN THE WEEK AND IT WAS THE FIRST TIME SINCE JANUARY 1987, IN THE FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR TOPIX, LOST 10.52 POINTS TO 2,467.60 AFTER GAINING 8.67 POINTS ON SATURDAY.

RISES AND FALLS WERE ALMOST MATCHED, WITH 466 ISSUES HIGHER, 464 LOWER AND 152 UNCHANGED, IN SCANTY TURNOVER OF 800 MLN SHARES AGAINST 850 MLN IN SATURDAY'S HALF-DAY SESSION.

THE BIGGEST GAINERS WERE COMMUNICATIONS, PULP/PAPER, RUBBER, MINING, SERVICE, SHIPPING, CHEMICAL, FOOD, WAREHOUSE AND SOME AUTOMOTIVE AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY STOCKS WERE SOLD OFF SOME AUTO AND OTHER HIGH TECHNOLOGY STOCKS WERE SOLD OFF IN THE LATE AFTERNOON WHEN THE NIKKEI INDEX, WHERE THEY ARE HEAVILY WEIGHTED, NEARLY CLOSED, BROKERS SAID.

RAILWAY/BUS, SECURITY/HOUSE, BANK, PHARMACEUTICAL, AUTO, CONSTRUCTION, OIL, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, RETAIL AND ELECTRIC POWER SHARES LED THE DECLINE.

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
C H TUNNEL	15.20
CHUNG K	9.90
CHINA GAS	19.50
CHINA L-P	15.00
CHINA MOP	25.20
COSMO IND	3.80
EVERED PRO	3.42
FAR EAST C	9.90
GEN ORIENT	0.44
H C DEVELOP	9.60
H S INDEX	36.45
HANG LUNG	6.20
HANG SENG	32.75
HAW PAR BR	11.60
HK ELEC CO	7.65
HK KAMCO	10.20
HK LAND CO	10.90
HK SHAN BK	7.25
HK SHAN HT	6.40
HK TELE CO	5.45
HUTCH MHN	10.10
IND EQ PAC	11.00
JARDINE H	18.40
KOMLOOM M	9.35
NEW WORLD	14.70
PAUL Y CON	1.51
REALTY DEV	7.50
S H K CO	2.50
S H K PROP	14.30
SINE DARY	2.52
STELLUX MFG	2.87
SWIRE PAC	21.00
T V B CO	1.31
TAI CHEUNG	4.37
UNION BANK	1.71
WOCK HART	0
WOCK MARK	0
WORLD INTL	4.75

HONG KONG, JAN 30, REUTER - HONG KONG STOCKS SOARED THROUGH A TECHNICAL RESISTANCE POINT AT THE START OF TRADE AND CLOSED AT NEW POST-CRASH RECORDS FOR MARKET INDICES AND FOR TURNOVER, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ROSE 79.50 TO CLOSE AT 3,036.45, THE INDEX BROKE THROUGH 3,000 FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE OCTOBER 1987 WITHIN MINUTES OF THE OPENING. IT HIT A HIGH OF 3,043 DURING THE DAY, BUT FELL BACK ON LIGHT PROFIT-TAKING.

TURNOVER WAS 2.93 BILLION H.K. DLS., ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY DATA, COMPARED WITH 1.86 BILLION ON FRIDAY AND THE PREVIOUS POST-CRASH HIGH OF 1.89 BILLION ON JUNE 15, 1988.

AMMAN

OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADITH COMPANY	2.02
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.22
ARAB BANK	143.5
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.35
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44
ARAB INSURANCE	1.05
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.66
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.21
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.80
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.50
ARAB PAPER COM/TRA	0.38
ARAB PHARM. MANF.	2.75
ARAB PHARM. CHEM	0.76
ARAB POTASH CO.	1.65
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.50
BANK OF JORDAN	15.90
BEIJING INSURANCE	1.00
CATRO AMMAN BANK	30.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.63
DAR ALDUAH OV/INV.	2.51
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.83
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.67
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.60
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.34
GENERAL MINING.	1.50
HIMMER MINERALS	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.77
INDUSTRIAL DEVLP BK	1.63
INDUSTRIAL/COM/ACK.	1.74
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75
INTERN.COM/INV	0.13
ISRID ELECTRICITY	0.90
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.90
J.TOUR-SUP/COMPLEX	0.79
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26
JO TABACCO/CIGARET	20.00
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.95
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.76
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.10
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	3.03
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20

JOR LEASING CORP.

JOR LIM BRICK	0.79
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.25
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.66
JOR PAPER CARDBRDS	3.50
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	4.20
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.84
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.90
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	1.19
JOR SECURITY CORP.	1.12
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.95
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.70
JOR WORSTED MLL	5.00
JOR. KUWAIT AGR.	0.94
JOR. PETROLEUM REF	8.70
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	2.35
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.44
JORDAN DAIYR	1.06
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.25
JORDAN INSURANCE	0.94
JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	1.92
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.43
JORDAN TANNING	2.15
LIVESTOCK/POLTRY	0.74
MACH/OIL/RENT/MAIN	0.80
MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.15
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.80
MIDDEL EAST INS	1.47
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.74
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	2.10
NAT/CABLE/WIRE/MF	1.46
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.41
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.46
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	1.00
NATIONAL STEEL	2.97
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25
PETRA BANK	2.55
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.05
RAFAIA INDUSTRIAL	1.03
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.65
SHIPPING LINES	1.00
SPINNING WEAVING	1.10
THE HOUSING BANK	1.94
UNITED INSURANCE	1.25
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	3.58
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.69
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.89
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.37

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	65.00	66.00	67.00
AC-A	13.75	14.00	13.75	LC-B	50	51	51
ANS	2.70	2.75	2.75	PK-A	39	40	39
GLO	32.50	33.00	32.50	PK-B	39	40	40
PLDT	250.00	252.50	252.50	OIL SECTOR			
KPSI-A	2.80	2.85	2.85	BP-A	0.015	0.016	0.015
KPSI-B	3.35	3.40	3.40	BP-B	0.016	0.017	0.016
SMC-A	151.00	152.00	151.00	LRC-A	0.0036	0.0038	0.0036
SMC-B	236.00	240.00	236.00	LRC-B	0.0036	0.0038	0.0038
MINING SECTOR				OPM-A	0.04	0.041	0.041
APX-A	0.021	0.023	0.022	OPM-B	0.041	0.042	0.041
APX-B	0.022	0.023	0.022	OV-A	0.03	0.031	0.031
AT-A	37.00	37.50	37.00	OV-B	0.031	0.032	0.031

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION

SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM. IND.	35,390	7,645,330	968.24	0.83 DN
MINING	42,669,900	7,047,050	4,756.26	63.84 DN
OIL & GAS	1,350,000	2,619,710	917	0.065 UP
TOTAL	144,815,290	17,312,090	841.36	0.139 DN

PHILIPPINES MANILA

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	60.00	67.00	67.00
SMC-A	151.00	152.00	151.00	LC-B	50	51	50
SMC-B	236.00	240.00	236.00	LC-C	50	51	51
SO-TIRE	35.00	37.00	37.00	LC-D	50	51	51
PLDT	250.00	252.50	255.00	ZIP	0.08	0.09	
ANSORC-A	2.75	2.80	2.75	OIL SECTOR			
AC-A	13.50	13.75	13.75	STOCK BUY			
GLO	32.00	32.50	32.50	BP-A	0.015	0.016	0.016
FER-A	2.34	2.36	2.36	BP-B	0.016	0.017	0.016
FER-B	2.44	2.50	2.50	LRC-A	0.0034	0.0036	0.0036
MINING SECTOR				LRC-B	0.0034	0.0036	0.0036
STOCK BUY				OPM-A	0.041	0.042	0.041
APX-A	0.021	0.022	0.022	OPM-B	0.041	0.042	0.041
APX-B	0.022	0.023	0.022	OV-A	0.03	0.031	0.031
AT-A	37.00	37.50	37.00	OV-B	0.031	0.032	0.031
AT-B	38.00	39.00		TA	0.02	0.021	0.021

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION

SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	374,655	5,844,967.5	971.46	DN 1.39
MINING	76,305,850	12,063,875	4547.91	DN 51.43
OILS	248,150,000	7,659,910	6,347	UP 131
TOTAL	324,835,505	25,568,752.5	851.35	UP 2.73

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST PR	CL	G CORP RT	KG FLOUR	127	21
ADEF A			G KENT	L & M GRP	127	12
ADEF B			G LUMBER	N FEEDMILL	111	10
ALUMINUM			G TOWN	M FLOUR	11	28
ANAL IND	99.5		G U HLDGS	N GLASS	233	23
ANAL PROP	15.0		G GANDA HDG	S TIN PRT	59	57
ANCO	24.5		G GEN CORP	S H UTD IND	169	16
BERJAYA	131		G GENTING	S H UTD MFG	68.5	6
BOUSTEAD	135		G GOLD COOK	S H WHTA	59	6
CARLSBERG	55		G GUINNESS	S H WHTA	240	23
CCN	32		G GULA	S H WHTA	240	23
CEREBS	625		G H L IND.	S H WHTA	240	23
CHEN IND	358		G HARINAH	S H WHTA	240	23
CK TANG	358		G HAW PAR	S H WHTA	240	23
COLD STOR	366		G HEKZA	S H WHTA	240	23
CS HLDGS	45		G HNO-PAC	S H WHTA	240	23
DKH	42		G INNOVST	S H WHTA	240	23
DNB BND	120		G INSAS	S H WHTA	240	23
DUTA CON	2		G INT WOOD	S H WHTA	240	23
DUTCHBAY	44		G J CEMENT	S H WHTA	240	23
ELEC MAGN	182		G JACKS LTD	S H WHTA	240	23
ESSO ORD	358		G JC			
YAN YAN S.	242		G JC-MPH			
A C B	2		G JOHAN HD			
E SHIP	252	24	G K HLDGS			
SH ORD	735	73	G KELLAS			
FR CABLE	---	---	G KAMUNTING			
ENR FLOOR	450	42	G KE SANG			
THA BHD	---	---	G KECK SEN			
HAJITE	---	65	G KEPPEL			



## Strong currency depresses gold

# Dollar pauses in its latest advance

LONDON (Reuters) — The dollar's recent advance halted today when speculators turned cautious and stopped buying a record of finance ministers' talks in the week.

Ministers of central banks of the European nations — the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada — met in Washington on Friday with the recent strength of the dollar likely to be a leading factor.

The dollar is in demand because of high interest rates, imposed on inflation in the American economy, make dollar assets a favorite buy. But a strong dollar, by pushing up import bills, threatens rising inflation in other nations.

**Highs**

Japanese buying helped take the dollar to touch day's highs today at 187 West German marks and 130 yen but it eased to close in London at 186 and 129.40.

The dollar last touched 130 yen in early October but then

slipped before rallying again at new year.

Dealers said the possibility that central banks might renew their recent heavy intervention against the dollar also made would-be buyers cautious today.

So did knowledge that US January jobs figures will be issued on Friday. That data will offer a clue to whether or not the US economy is overheating to the extent that higher interest rates are needed.

**Depressed**

A senior Bank of Japan official said the dollar's strength was caused by market expectations, not basic economic realities.

He cited expectations of high or higher US interest rates and of action by President Bush to reduce the US budget deficit. "If those expectations are disappointed, I don't know what would happen," he said.

The strong dollar depressed the gold price to its lowest London bullion market afternoon setting since Sept 26, at \$394 an ounce.

The benchmark US Treasury 30-year bond traded in London at 102-10/21 per cent yielding 8.78 per cent. The spot crude oil market was quiet with North Sea Brent blend, used as a market price, lower at around \$16 a barrel for March loading.

In the stock markets, Wall Street slipped as investors took profits from a rally last week. At New York's midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 5.54 at 2,317.32 points.

London shot up again and at one stage the FTSE index of 100 blue chips was 66.8 points or more than three per cent higher, extending a 46-point gain on Friday. But the "Footsie" slipped later to close up 46.1 at 2,052.0 after Wall Street eased.

**Rally**

Dealers say London stocks have gained on speculation that a rise in British interest rates, to 13 per cent, may have peaked. Big investment funds have bought stock for fear of being left out of a rally.

Volume was again spec-

tacular, with over 970.5 million shares traded by 1600 GMT. This includes inter-market-maker trades but compares with the record customer equity turnover of 997.3 million shares on July 9, 1987 at the height of the bull market.

**Shortage**

Fresh demand at the start of the new two-week account and a continued shortage of stock pushed prices higher from the outset, with buyers now convinced that UK interest rates will not have to rise from the current 13 per cent.

Most FTSE 100 index constituent stocks participated in today's rise, but the largest percentage gains were seen in stocks which have lagged behind the general market's recent advance.

Dollar strength further underpinned major exporters with ICI up 14p to 1,144, Glaxo 32p to 1,200, British Aerospace 16p to 522, Wellcome 11p to 476 and Hawker Siddeley 22p to 646. Banks were firm in line with the overall market. Their report-

ing season begins next month. Lloyds added 19p to 374, National Westminster 15p to 590 and Midland 10p to 469.

Oils were dragged higher by the wider market and showed little reaction to the slight fall in the price of crude. Shell added 10p to 376 and BP 5p to 277 while Ultramar firmed 4p to 312.

Ultramar said it would strongly resist any bid proposal which did not fully reflect the value of its assets and prospects.

**Demand**

Brokers did well after a recent run up with Smith New Court ahead 10p to 157 while Rothschild added 9p to 177. Insurances had Sun Alliance up 23p to 1,112 on demand in a thin market.

Retail group W. H. Smith added 13p to 279 ahead of figures on Wednesday. Analysts expect few surprises, with first half pre-tax profit estimates ranging from £31 to 35 million against 30.2 million previously.

BOC, up 12p to 486, reports first quarter figures on Thursday.

## Wall Street stock prices continue to firm

# KD market seen relatively liquid

**Kuwaiti dinar**

BASED on last week opening middle market foreign exchange rates, the KD exchange was unchanged against dollar ending the week at 286.10 fils compared with its week before last closing of 286.09 fils. The KD was lower against the pound sterling, ending the week at 507.11 fils compared with its week before last closing of 502.09 fils.

The KD was easier against the DM ending the week at 155.70 fils compared with its week before last closing of 153.05 fils. The KD was also easier against the SFR ending the week at 183.30 fils compared with its week before last closing at 180.21 fils, according to Gulf Bank weekly financial review.

The KD was higher against the Jordanian dinar ending the week at 522.08 fils compared with its week before last closing at 541.84 fils. The KD remained almost unchanged against other GCC currencies.

The KD money market was relatively liquid. Rates for one month were between 7.1/8 - 7.9/16 per cent range compared to 7 - 8.1/16 per cent range the week before last. Rates for other periods were between 7.15/16 - 8.1/8 per cent range for 3 months and 7.3/4 - 8 per cent for six months and one year.

The CBK announced its issue No. 37 for Treasury bills dated Feb 1 of KD100 million.

**World stock markets**

Wall Street stock prices continued to firm on Fed's chairman Greenspan's testimony in the US Congress early last week in which he reaffirmed his determination to lower inflation and stated that the Fed would keep interest rates firm to check the robust US economy.

Prices ended the week at new post-crash highs on President Bush's call for a corporate gains tax cut and a hands-off policy on corporate debt. The Dow Jones industrial average opened the week at 2218 and closed high at 2323, recording a gain of 88 points over the previous week's closing of 2235.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange continued their upward move as investors traded within the new account which began on Jan 27. Stocks also surged further as investors committed more funds to UK stocks

following much better than expected UK balance of payments figures which confirmed that 13 percent is the peak in rates. The FTSE-100 opened the week at 1924, and closed at 2006, breaching the 2000 level to record a gain of 89 points over the previous week's closing of 1917.

**US dollar**

The dollar traded the week lower after the Bundesbank and other European central banks raised their rates in their efforts to fight the stronger dollar. However, during the week the dollar did show some strength upon Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's remarks of which he issued a stern warning on inflation, suggesting interest rates will remain firm. His comments made a strong market impact and the dollar recovered of all its losses from the previous days.

**Japanese yen**

The yen opened the week at 127.45/50 to the dollar and closed sharply lower at 129.30/35 compared to its previous week's closing of 127.65/70 yen. The market remained bearish on the yen most of the week due to the uncertainty of its short term direction, while the dollar's bullishness has been aided by expectations of a tighter US monetary policy.

So far, the Bank of Japan has not intervened heavily in the currency market to curb the dollar's appreciation against the yen and it seems unlikely to take any special measures to deal with currency movements because the yen has not depreciated against the dollar as much as other currencies have.

Despite increases in interest rates by many European countries, the Bank of Japan is seen to be far from changing its current monetary policy for one simple reason that it has not inflationary worries at least in the foreseeable future. Accordingly, no major change in the monetary policy is expected in the near term.

**Deutsche mark**

The mark opened the week at 1.8300/05 marks against the dollar and closed the week at 1.8630/40 marks, below its week before last closing of 1.8370/80 marks. While the mark did gain

some strength against the dollar on the beginning of the week due to concentrated European central banks intervention, nevertheless it lost most of its gains later in the week on Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan's remarks that US should adopt a tighter monetary policy to head off inflation.

During the week the Bundesbank announced a fall of 2.4 billion marks to 65 billion marks in its net currency reserves in the week ended Jan 15. The fall of reserve clearly indicates the size of intervention the Bundesbank has had when the dollar was trading at just below 1.90 marks. By the end of the week, while the mark was trading around 1.84 marks to the dollar, news release of US growth data has pushed the dollar higher against most other currencies, and despite Bundesbank and other European central banks dollar sales, the dollar continued to gain momentum. The mark closed the week at 1.8630/40 at its lowest for the whole week.

**Pound sterling**

The pound ended the week easier against the dollar, which continued to rise despite central banks intervention. The pound opened the week at \$1.7760/70 and closed lower at \$1.7595/05 compared to its week before last closing level of \$1.7770/80. The pound rose gently on news that the UK current account deficit narrowed in December to £1.26 billion after a £1.47 billion gap in November and the trade deficit was £1.66 billion in December against £1.87 billion in the previous month.

**French franc**

The French franc opened the week against the dollar at 6.2270/00 francs and closed lower at 6.3330/60 francs compared to its week before last closing of 6.2580/10 francs. French banks revised their base rate to 9.60 per cent from 9.25 per cent on Jan 23, as a result of the general rise in market rates recently.

**Swiss franc**

The Swiss franc opened the week against the dollar at 1.5475/85 franc and closed lower at 1.5865/75 franc, compared to its previous week's closing of 1.5595/05 francs as the dollar firmed further despite central bank's intervention.

## Feldstein seeks lower dollar to cut trade gap

DAVID P. FELDSTEIN, Jan 30, (Reuters) — A senior official in the US administration predicted today that the dollar would fall by more than 10 percent in the next three years.

Mr. Feldstein, a former chairman of the US Council of Economic Advisors, was under-estimating the dollar's decline, he told the Washington Economic Forum.

While he predicted a decline of the dollar, he said the trade deficit will never fall below \$100 billion and will continue rising toward \$150 billion.

He said the dollar would fall from the current 130 yen to only 100 yen in the next two to three years.

With the US trade deficit continuing to grow out by the mid-1990s, he said.

The dollar, he said, has been rising since the beginning of 1987 and now is about 10 percent higher than a year ago, pushed by higher interest rates and by the Federal Reserve.

Despite the current, economic conditions, a high exchange rate and a short-term debt crisis, he said, the dollar will move.

## Row could flare up again

# Bush buries the hatchet with Greenspan

WASHINGTON, Jan 30, (Reuters) — President Bush has called a truce with Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan after a brief skirmish over interest rates, but some economists believe the row could easily flare up again.

"I don't think it means very much yet, but the potential for collision is there," said David Hale, chief economist of Kemper Financial Services Inc in Chicago.

Hale and others expected trouble because the Fed's stated policy of pushing interest rates as high as necessary to tame inflation could clash with Bush's hopes of reducing the federal budget deficit without raising taxes.

**Growth**

If interest rates average just one point more than the Reagan administration forecast this month, and economic growth is one point less, the deficit would rise by about \$13 billion in fiscal 1990 and \$35 billion in 1991, according to the White House Budget Office.

Although Bush is too astute to clash publicly with Greenspan, the seeds of discord are there, Hale said. "As time goes on there'll be obvious tensions," he commented.

The issue came under the spotlight after Greenspan told the House Banking Committee on Tuesday that inflation was

too high and that he would keep a tight grip on the money supply until price pressures started to ease.

Bush, in his first comments on Fed policy as president, responded on Wednesday, saying, "I don't want to see us move so strongly against fear of inflation that we impede growth. We have to keep expanding opportunities for the working men and women of this country."

**Conciliatory**

By week's end, Bush was taking a more conciliatory line.

"I don't think I'm far apart from chairman Greenspan at all," he told a White House press conference.

In the next breath, however, Bush acknowledged there may be some differences. "Because of the plant capacity utilisation, he is more concerned about inflationary pressures than I am right now," he said.

With factories running flat out and the jobless rate already at a 14-year low, the Fed chief is worried that inflation will become entrenched at its current rate of 4-1/2 per cent if the economy does not slow down.

Containing inflation is not good enough for Greenspan, who wants stable prices.

"Current inflation rates... clearly are too high and must be brought down," he said.

Bush, by contrast, was effec-

tively signalling with his comments that inflation now has a greater degree of political acceptance in America than it did in the early 1970s.

In August 1971, after all, President Nixon imposed price and wage controls when inflation was at four per cent.

Fed officials, like Bush, also sought to play down the apparent difference of emphasis. Greenspan was not concerned by Bush's comments and did not feel there was a split between the Fed and the White House, one official said.

**Capping**

"There's vastly less to this than meets the eye," he said, dismissing media reports of a disagreement.

"To a large extent, of course, the two do agree — both want the economy to keep expanding without inflation."

But whereas Greenspan's priority is capping inflation,

Bush does not want the Fed chairman to kill the goose that has laid the golden egg of a record peacetime expansion.

There is no doubt where Wall Street's sympathies lie.

Buoyed by Greenspan's determination to reduce inflation, the dollar rallied, stock prices rose to the highest level since the October 1987 crash and yields on long-term government bonds fell to 9-1/2 month lows as prices surged.

"The Federal Reserve Board is enjoying tremendous credibility," said Fred Sturm, an economist with Kleinwort Benson Government Securities Inc in Chicago. "People trust Alan Greenspan's judgement."

Sturm, who thought Greenspan would not have taken such a tough and inflation stance without the tacit approval of the new administration, said bonds — and with them stocks and the dollar — would fall sharply if the Fed's resolve wavered.

# The future is Ford

ARABIAN Motors Group convened on Sunday for the first showing in Kuwait of Ford's latest, renowned cars in a motor-show entitled "The Future is Ford." The Kuwait Regency Palace's Conference Hall was the setting for this new generation of Ford cars.

Among these cars on display were the new Tempo and Topaz, the small car with big car qualities like 4-cylinder engine (2.3 litres) and an attractive exterior styling. These have been among the most successful cars in the American market.

For lovers of sports cars the Ford Thunderbird and Mercury Cougar with their innovative new style and technology were displayed. The Thunderbird was named the Car of the Year (in the USA) for the year 1989.

For those looking for the pinnacle of glory and perfect comfort, Lincoln Continental with its excellent engineering presented a wonderful display. The Continental now comes with an immeasurable level of safety added to its luxury; with the air bag system, both for the driver and his companion. This makes Ford the first company in the USA and second in the world to provide its models with this system as a basic option. The Continental is also provided with the ABS braking system.

**Qualities**

Amongst other cars was the Lincoln Town Car limousine with its superb luxury and irresistible special qualities. Specially imported for this event were some surprise models such as the legendary Ford Mustang such as the marvellous sports Ford Probe, the 4-wheel drive Bronco and the family Saloon Club Wagon.

The Ford Motor Company Show opened to the public yesterday and will continue today. A press conference was held on this occasion and A.M.G. invited the local press and senior officials of the group.

Speaking at the conference Peter Benham, Sales and Marketing Manager emphasised the spectacular success of Ford in the local market in the last two years.

With the introduction of the Ford Tempo and Mercury Topaz this year, A.M.G. now completes the set of different sized saloon cars i.e. 4.6 and 8 cylinders. He said the company is now ideally suited to meet the requirements of clients who like the small, practical and high performance car.

Benham also added that Ford is a company that primarily takes into consideration quality, unique design and satisfaction of its customers as the top of its



US Ambassador to Kuwait W. Nathaniel Howell admiring a Ford Lincoln '89 after opening the show.



Above and below: two of the latest models displayed at the Ford Motor Show (Photos by Javed Basra)



priorities. It is no surprise, therefore, that Ford car sales both inside and outside of U.S.A. is "on the rise". Despite this track of success, Benham is optimistic, as he looks forward to achieving more in the future to meet the demands of the customers and satisfy them. He further added that he was certain that a customer who has experienced "class" in a Ford/Lincoln Mercury car would never compromise his standard for any other automobile. What stands behind this superb confidence is not only the reputation but also the high technology and futuristic engineering qualities that Ford cars maintain.

In introducing the master of excellence the Lincoln Continental, Benham promised to bring more such new models to add to their world-beating product range in Kuwait.



Shahid Al-Najjar (left), Governor of Central Bank and Chairman of the Monetary Board, presents a certificate to an IBS student, as the director of the IBS, Mr. J. S. Ghannem, looks on. The graduation ceremony was held at the Regency Palace.

## Protest of law on share profits

Protest at Milan bourse

MILAN (Reuters) — Protesters gathered outside the Milan stock exchange today to express their anger at a law that would allow companies to pay out a share of their profits to shareholders.

The law, which came into effect last week, would allow companies to pay out a share of their profits to shareholders, a move that has angered many shareholders.

**Surfaced**

Last week prospects of its introduction surfaced again, cutting into a market already worried at Italy's rising debt.

Trade union leaders, who agreed to call off a planned general strike after winning tax concessions, said last week the government would consider proposing a capital gains tax in May or June.

Share dividends and government securities are already taxed.

Government ministers, while saying they want Italy to be in line with European Economic Community plans for unified taxation on investment income, have been vague about their plans.

The capital gains tax issue will overshadow the market until we see some definite proposals," Roberto Morelli, Italian equities analyst at London investment bank County Natwest said.

"I hope it comes sooner rather than later," he added. "Once we know the full package, I don't think it will have a traumatic effect. I don't think investors will flee the market."

Euro-mobilare's Perilli said: "If the tax is fair and clear like in other major countries, then I don't think it will be a big problem."

**Assessed**

France applied two capital gains tax rates of 16 and 42 per cent, while in Britain share trading profits above a specified limit are assessed at the basic income tax rate of 25 per cent.

The United States taxes capital gains at a rate of 28 per cent.

Brokers and analysts said the tax issue weighed heavily on the market last week, when the Milan Bourse Index (MIB) slid nearly two per cent and average daily volume fell to around 190 billion lire (\$140 million) from 270 billion lire (\$200 million) the previous week.

The MIB dropped 0.39 per cent today to end at 1,010.

But the tax issue was not alone in hurting the market.

Analysts said Italy's spiralling public debt and the government's apparent inability to sharply reduce the shortfall were also dampening investor interest.

A delegation from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), following a routine visit this month, sounded a strong warning that despite the economy's robust health, firm fiscal action needed to be taken to curb the deficit and cool domestic demand.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 30/1/89				
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2	Shalamar	Algh Barwil	4842988	
5	Karina	KSA	4843150	
8	Tug Capricorn-J	G. Star	4845501	
13	Norsia Arabia	EMAD	4841807	
14	Alyamamah	KSA	4843150	
18	Ibn Al Nafes	KSA	4843150	
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT				
ETA	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.	
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30/1	Bribir	M. Bahar	2433881	
31/1	Hyundai No. 6	GH & Q	4347815	
31/1	Lanka Seedevi	GH & Q	4347815	
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2	Nevada	A. Seas	2421303	
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11	Crystal Reed	ISA	2441860	
18	Providence Bay	KMMC	2419814	
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4/2	Barzan	UASC	4843150	
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5/2	Tokyo Bridge	United	2457958	
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## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Jan 30, (Reuters):

Market holiday

TOKYO: Share prices closed lower in thin trade, after last week's strong gains and a sharp weakening of the yen against the dollar prompted investors to take profits or sit on the sidelines. The Nikkei index fell 111.57 points, or 0.35 per cent, to close at 31,567.50.

HONG KONG: Hong Kong stocks soared through a technical resistance point at the start of trade and closed at new post-crash records for market indices and turnover. The Hang Seng index rose 79.50 to close at 3,036.45. Turnover was 2.93 billion HK dollars.

SINGAPORE: Share prices surged over a broad front in hectic trading and this pushed the Straits Times industrial index up 19.33 points to a five-month high of 1,134.81.

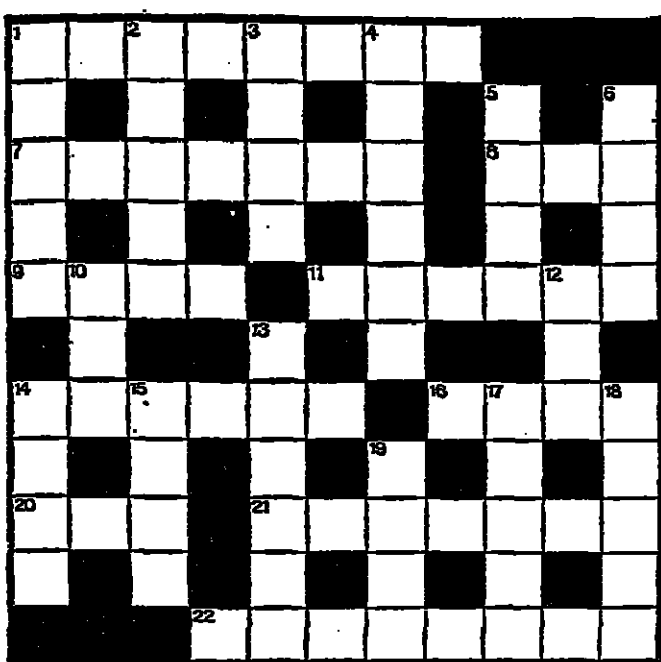
BOMBAY: Share prices resumed their upswing after weekend holidays on renewed speculative and institutional buying. In trucks and cars, Telco rallied 28.75 rupees to 791/25.



# JUNIOR TIMES

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1969

## CROSSWORD



### Across

- 1 To search for and bring back (8)
- 7 Connected with atomic energy (7)
- 8 To insulate against cold (3)
- 9 Divisions of a lawn-tennis match (4)
- 11 Stone washed smooth by water (6)
- 14 List of items for discussion (6)
- 16 A man of learning and wisdom (4)
- 20 Fish plentiful around Iceland (3)
- 21 Tooth for cutting (7)
- 22 Mechanism with a recurrent action (8)

### Down

- 1 Round steps of a ladder (5)
- 2 Silent but not objecting (5)
- 3 The wild Alpine goat (4)
- 4 Caretaker of a church (6)
- 5 Having a smooth tongue (4)
- 6 Monster of fairy tales (4)
- 10 Oval body laid by birds (3)
- 12 Lower limb in humans (3)
- 13 To offer a suggestion (6)
- 14 Decorative entrance (4)
- 15 Small whirlpool (4)
- 17 Advantageous possession (5)
- 18 Departure from what is correct (5)
- 19 Dull, persistent pain (4)

Solution on Thursday

AS soon as dinaer was over, Sindbad began the story of his fourth voyage. "Having set all my affairs straight," he said, "I travelled through a great part of Persia, buying and selling. At last, reaching the coast, I went aboard a ship, which, after calling at several places on the mainland, stood out to sea.

"But soon a great storm arose; the sails were torn to shreds, the ship was blown upon the land, and many of the passengers and sailors were drowned.

"With a few of the others I clung to a plank, which was washed ashore on an island, where we found fruit and water, of which we ate and drank freely. The next morning we set out to explore the island, but before getting far were met by some islanders who carried us to their homes.

"They seemed very kind and gave us a tasty dish to eat.

"Though feeling as hungry as my comrades, I ate none of this dish, fearing it might do me some harm. In this I was wise, for I was the only one who kept his senses. The others became dazed, and ate freely of the rice with which they were daily fed, becoming at last very fat, when the islanders killed and ate them.

"The horror of the whole

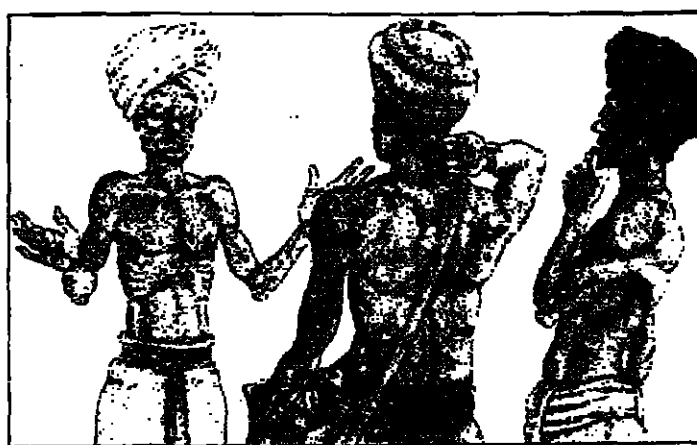
## The fourth voyage of Sindbad

thing, together with the very little food I ate, kept me so thin that the islanders took no notice of me, which gave me the chance of going here and there without being watched. One day, when all people except one old man had gone out, I walked slowly till some distance away from the village, when I set off running as fast as I could, taking no notice of the old man's cries.

"Resting a while now and then, I hurried on until night came. For seven days I met no one; on the eighth day I had the good fortune to come upon some men gathering pepper, which was plentiful on the island. On hearing my story they seemed very much surprised that I had got away with my life.

"They treated me with much kindness and, when their work was done, took me with them to their own island, where the king gave me some new clothes and bade his people take great care of me. I became a great favourite with every one, and at last found a way of paying back a little of their kindness.

"Seeing that all of them, even the king, rode upon



the bare backs of their horses, I thought out a plan for making a saddle and bridle and stirrups. This, with the help of two workmen, I did, and gave the first set, when finished, to the king. So many costly presents were given me by those for whom I made saddles that I was soon a rich man again.

"One day the king, as a token of his love, gave me a wife, thinking I should be more likely to settle down in his country, and not wish to return to my own. At first I was pleased enough to stay, but after a time I began to long for my own home in Baghdad. Therefore, keeping my eyes open, I waited for a chance to escape, which came

about in a very curious manner.

"My wife, who for some time had not been strong, fell sick and died, when, according to the custom of the country, I was buried with her in a deep pit on the side of the mountain near the sea.

"My coffin was an open one, and when the mouth of the pit had been blocked by a huge rock, and the king with the other mourners had gone away, I rose, and by the aid of a little light that came through the corners not covered by the stone, looked about me.

"The pit or long cave, as it really was, seemed full of dead bodies, which smelt so horribly that I was forced

to hold my nose. At first I wished I had died in one of the storms at sea; then I was filled with a keen desire to live. Taking some of the bread and water placed in the coffin, I groped about to find some outlet from the cave, but failed to do so.

"My food was nearly all gone, when, one day, the mouth of the cave was uncovered, and I saw another burial taking place. The dead body was that of a man, and his wife being buried with him, the usual seven small loaves and a pitcher of water had been placed in her coffin. The poor woman, however, soon died, so I took the bread and water, which lasted me for several days.

"Then, one morning, hearing a strange sound, I was able to follow it, until I came upon an opening in the cave, through which I crawled, and found myself on the seashore. The sound I had heard proved to be the heavy breathing of some creature that had come into the cave to feed upon the dead bodies.

"Feeling sure now of being able to get away from my living tomb, I went back to the cave in order to get the precious stones, and jewels, and costly stuffs

buried with the dead bodies, and also to bring away my bread and water. On again reaching the shore I made several neat bundles of the goods, and then settled down to wait for the passing of some ship in the hope of being picked up.

"On the third day, a vessel sailed slowly out from the harbour, and I, waving the linen of my turban, shouted loudly, which at last caused the sailors to look toward me. In a few minutes a boat was lowered and three men rowed ashore to fetch me.

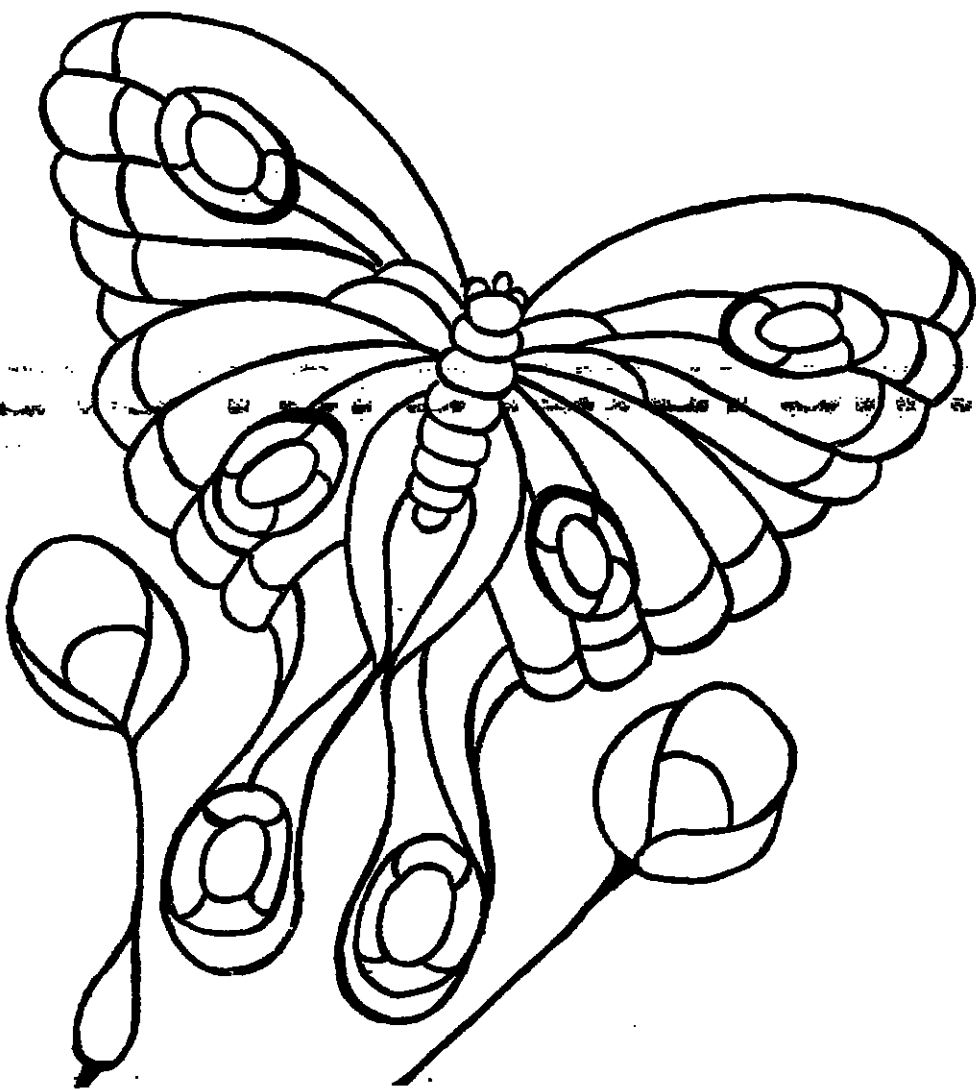
"To account for being in so strange a place, I told them I had been shipwrecked, but had got safely to land with a portion of my goods, the story was really a very poor one, but they seemed not to notice it, being far too busy with their own affairs.

"The ship called at several ports on the islands and the mainland, where I made another large fortune by the sale of the articles brought from the cave, and at length I reached my home in safety.

"As an act of thankfulness for having come safely through my troubles, I gave large sums of money to the church, to the poor, and to my own kindred, who listened in wonder to the story of my latest adventures."

## Colour the butterfly

Use Red, Green, Yellow, Orange, Blue



## Truly amazing!

Aesop, the author of the famous fables, had first been a Greek slave before his talent for telling the stories won him his freedom and later fame.

Artificial limbs were first fitted by doctors in India to their patients 3,500 years ago.

Before modern medicine discovered a virus that causes 'flu there were many beliefs about this common illness. One of the first gave its name "influenza" to what is commonly called just 'flu. "Influenza" is the Italian word for "influence" and it was first given to the illness because of the popular misconception that 'flu epidemics were caused by the influence of particular stars.

The first record of comets states that they were observed as long ago as the 7th century.

The first known tomatoes came from Italy in 1550.

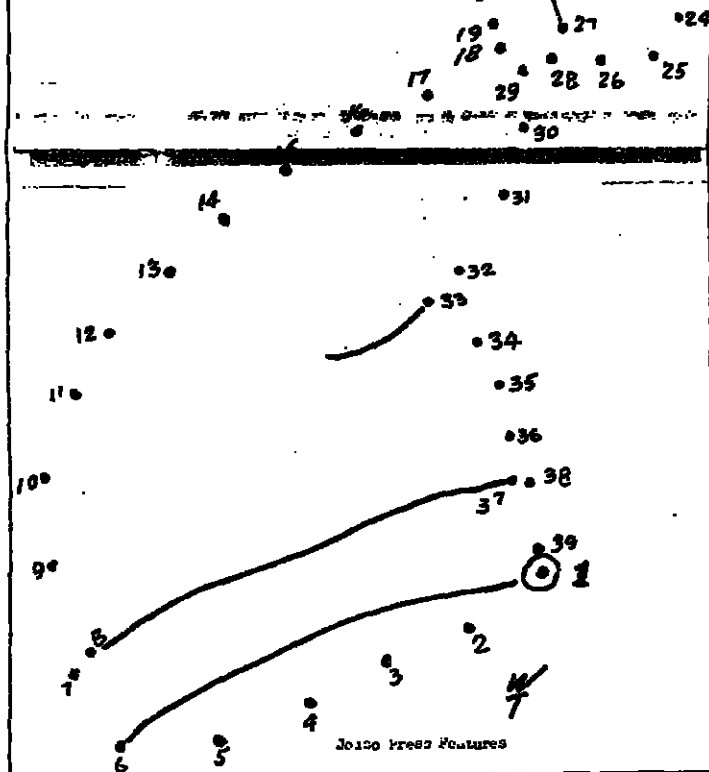
## Some sights Sometimes seen And seldom seen

You don't have to go very far  
To see a boat towed by a car;  
But to see a car towed by a boat  
Is really a matter of note.

To see a truck pulling a horse  
In a van is a matter of course;  
But to see a horse pulling a truck  
In a van is extremely good luck.

William Cole

## JOIN THE DOTS



## Birthday greetings



Vibin Vijay, celebrated his 3rd birthday today. Many happy returns from Dad, Mum, Brother, Uncle and Aunt.

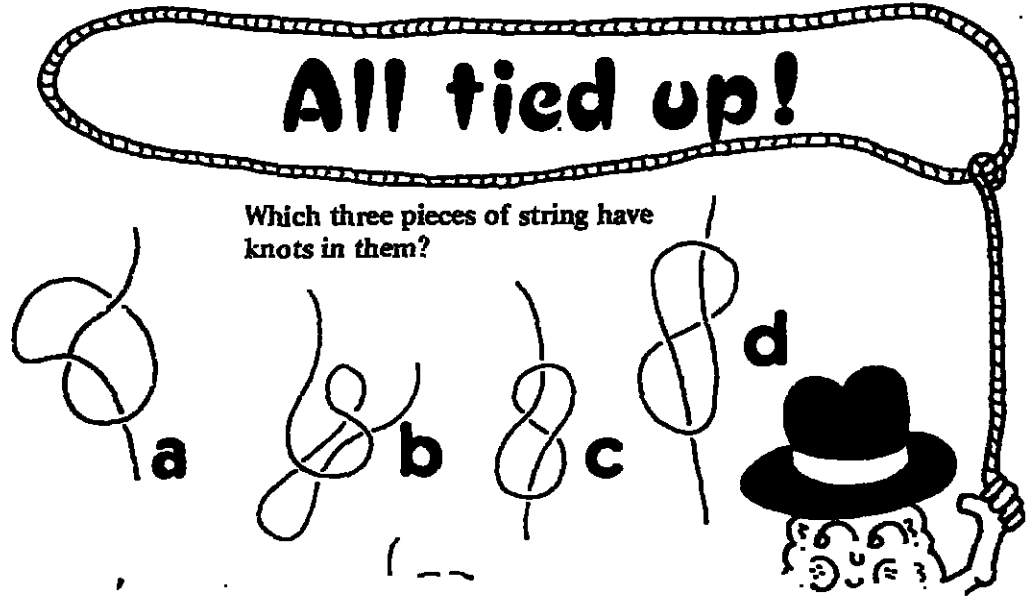


Nanki Singh, celebrated her 6th birthday on 28 Jan '69. Best wishes from Daddy, Mummy, and sister Dimple.



## TINY TESTER

There are 8 differences in the picture on the right of Tiny Mushroom. Can you spot them all?



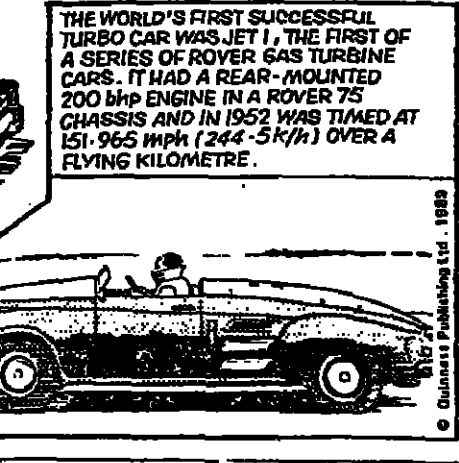
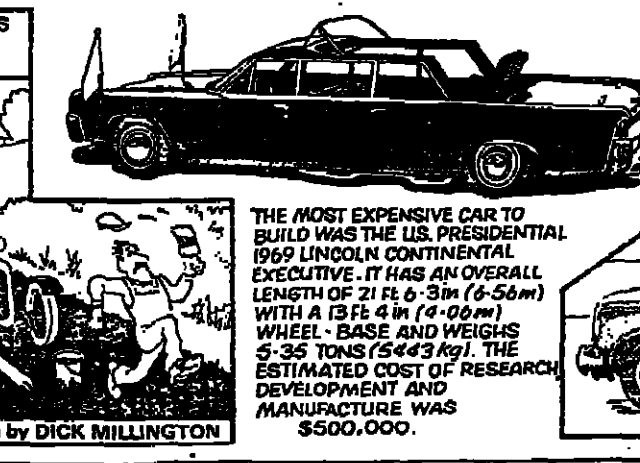
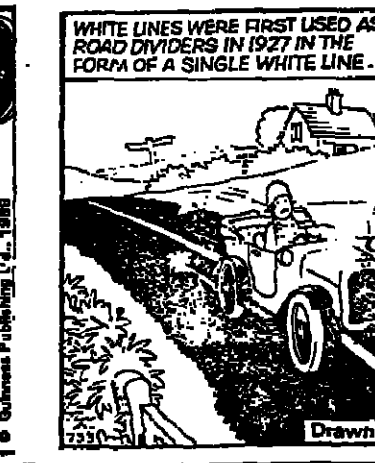
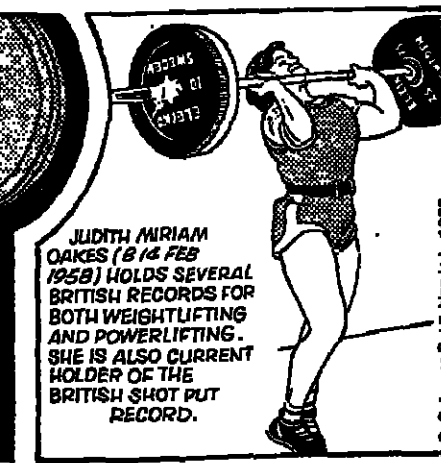
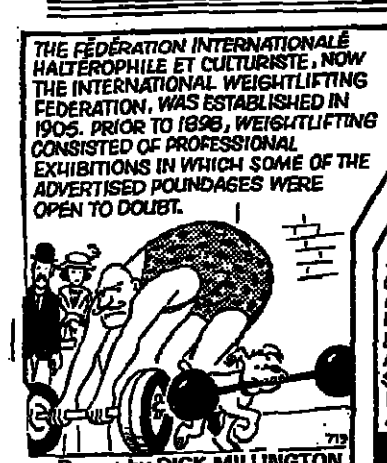
## GREEN THINGS

- APPLE
- BEANS
- BUSH
- CABBAGE
- CASH
- CEDAR
- CORN
- DRAGON
- EGGPLANT
- EMERALD
- GARLAND
- GLASS
- HEMP
- LEAF
- LIME
- PARROT
- PEARS
- PEPPER
- PINE
- SPINACH
- VINE

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Clue: Herb to go with lamb (4 letters)

## Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE HALTEROPHILE ET CULTURISTE, NOW THE INTERNATIONAL WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION, WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1905. PRIOR TO 1906, WEIGHTLIFTING CONSIDERED OF PROFESSIONAL EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH SOME OF THE ADVERTISED POUNDAGES WERE OPEN TO DOUBT.

NORBERT SCHEMANSKY (USA) (B 30 MAY 1924) WON A RECORD FOUR OLYMPIC WEIGHTLIFTING MEDALS: GOLD, MIDDLE-HEAVYWEIGHT 1952; SILVER, HEAVYWEIGHT 1948; BRONZE, HEAVYWEIGHT 1960 AND 1964.

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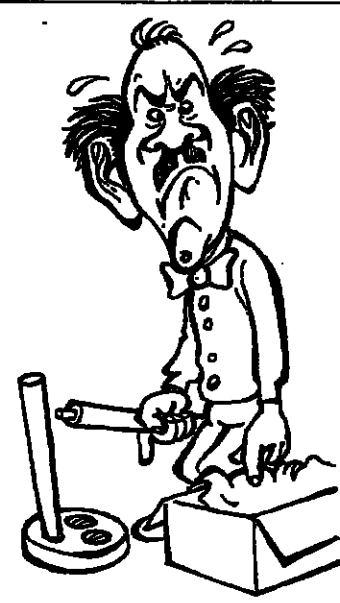
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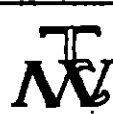
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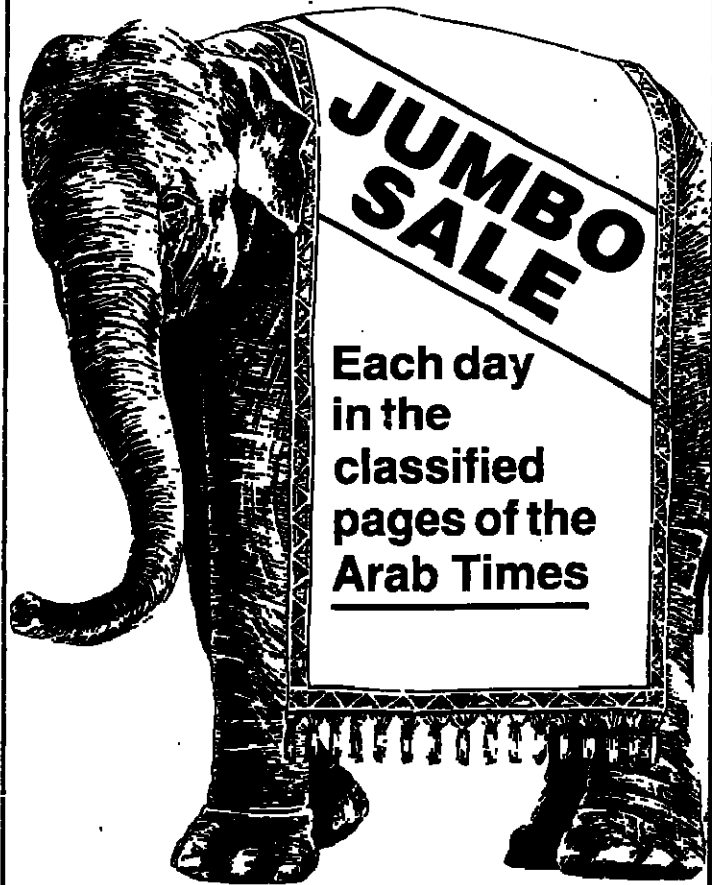
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SPORTS

## Spraggett and Yusupov draw sixth game

QUEBEC CITY, Quebec, Jan. 30. (AP) The sixth game of the World Chess Championship candidates' quarterfinal between Kevin Spraggett of Canada and Artur Yusupov of the Soviet Union was drawn yesterday, forcing the match into overtime.

With the final score tied 3-3, a "mini-match" of two games will be played. Yusupov will play with the advantage of white in the first game tomorrow.

If a tie persists, a series of sudden-death tie-breakers played at increasingly high speeds will be employed to break the deadlock.

In yesterday's game, Spraggett, playing white, exchanged queens to reach an endgame where he hoped to exploit Yusupov's weakened pawn formation. But the Soviet grandmaster neutralized his opponent's strategy with a pawn break on the 22nd move.

**Progress**

In the final position, Yusupov has one pawn more, but his path is blocked and neither side can make any progress.

The winner of the candidates, a series of knockout matches, will challenge world champion Garry Kasparov for his title in 1990.

In the seventh game, experts said the odds will be on Yusupov, a 28-year-old Muscovite who began the contest as clear favourite, to achieve a decisive breakthrough.

Spraggett, 34, from Montreal, may be content to avoid risks in the next games, but go all-out in the sudden-death finish.

In the previous stage of the competition, Spraggett knocked out Soviet grandmaster Andrei Sokolov in a nerve-racking tie-breaker where each player's time was limited to 45 minutes for the entire game.



## Naeem takes Zarqa into semifinals

ZARQA Cricket Club overcame New Pak Club by two wickets to reach the semifinals of the Friends Trophy cricket tournament at the Blue Tower ground on Friday.

New Pak won the toss and elected to bat. Haleem and Aslam opened the innings but the former was out with the total score only five runs. Mohammed Ali also did not last long and New Pak were in deep trouble after losing both their top batsmen.

Hamid and Aslam steadied the innings by scoring 27 and 34 respectively but Naeem Iqbal triggered a collapse by taking three wickets for eight runs in two overs. Sohail and Shahid Butt took two wickets each as New Pak were all out for 110.

Zarqa fared badly at the start of their innings, losing their first three batsmen cheaply. Naeem Iqbal hammered 28 quick runs to lift his team out of the doldrums.

Ejaz Butt continued from where Naeem left off, hitting an unbeaten 44 to take his team to a two-wicket victory. Ejaz hit two sixes and four fours.

For New Pak, Aslam took three wickets while Sakhawit and Mohammed Ali got one each.

## Evergreen outlast Starlite for KIFCO Trophy

EVERGREEN Cricket Club overcame Starlite Cricket Club by 11 runs to clinch the KIFCO Trophy at the Sabah Al Salem grounds on Friday.

Batting first, Evergreen made a bad start when they lost Ejaz with the score only 21. Their second opener hit 19 before he joined his partner in the pavilion to leave Evergreen at 68 for two.

**Changed**

Zulqarnain tried to lift his team out of trouble but could not last long. He was bowled by Shahzad for 27.

Evergreen skipper Razaq changed the complexion of the game. He hammered one six and seven fours as he raced to his unbeaten 126.

Razaq was well supported by Shabbir, who hit 53. Both these batsmen slammed all the bowlers as well as they put on 151 and took the score to 262.

Dawood was out after scoring one run, Baber hit 15 and Rafique three as Evergreen scored 290 in their 45 allotted overs.

For Starlite, Sohail, Shahzad and Qayyum bowled superbly to

## GREEN AND JOHNSON TAKE LAKERS PAST MAVERICKS

# King helps Bullets beat Cavaliers

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (AP) Once again, Bernard King was unstoppable and the Cleveland Cavaliers were the kind of team that blows 20-point leads.

King scored 38 points, his biggest game since suffering a serious knee injury almost four years ago, as the Washington Bullets rallied for a 122-117 win yesterday over Cleveland, once an NBA doormat but now the League's winningest team.

King, a former scoring champion for New York who missed two full seasons after injuring his knee, joined the Bullets as a free agent at the start of last season.

**Including**

Yesterday, he scored 10 points in overtime, eight of them from the foul line, including two free throws with 2:14 left to give the Bullets a three-point lead.

"In the clutch I like to see the ball, and fortunately today we were able to put the ball in the hole when we needed to," King said.

The Cavaliers, now 31-9, lost despite a career-high 33-points from Mark Price.

Cleveland centre Brad Daugherty missed the game with a suspension for his fight with Detroit's Bill Laimbeer on Friday night. Starting forward Larry Nance sprained an ankle in the first half, and did not return.

"You didn't really see the best team in the League today," Washington coach Wes Unseld said.

In other National Basketball Association games yesterday, it was the Los Angeles Lakers 118, Dallas 93; Boston 121, Miami 103; Detroit 122, Sacramento 97; and Seattle 112, Milwaukee 106.

Cleveland broke a 22-22 tie with a 17-6 run in the final 3:30 of the first quarter, with Price scoring seven points. Cleveland stretched the lead to 56-36 with 6:14 left in the half.

"We were playing good offense," King said, "but we weren't playing any defense."

In the second half, Washington took an 89-87 lead on a three-point play by John Williams with 10:25 left and exchanged the lead seven times in the final six minutes of regulation before Cleveland tied it at 107-all on Price's 3-point shot with 11 seconds left.

King then took over in overtime.

"We struggled a little with both Larry and Brad out of the lineup," Cleveland coach Lenny Wilkens said.

**Lakers 118, Mavericks 93**

The Lakers won outside Los Angeles for the first time since Dec 13, handing Dallas its worst home loss ever. AC Green scored



Johnson (centre): scored 20 points for Lakers

25 points and Magic Johnson added 20 for the Lakers, who were never threatened after outscoring the Mavericks 37-25 in the

second quarter.

**Celtics 121, Heat 103**

Boston handed Miami its 20th loss in 21 road games as Kevin

McHale led six Celtics in double figures with 21 points.

**Pistons 122, Kings 97**

Detroit routed Sacramento thanks to a 20-2 second-quarter spree that gave the Pistons a 29-point lead.

**Sonics 112, Bucks 106**

Seattle won its sixth in a row and 17th straight at home as Derrick McKey scored 23 points and Dale Ellis 22.

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	27	16	.628	
Philadelphia	24	19	.571	3 1/2
Boston	20	21	.488	6
New Jersey	16	25	.390	10
Washington	15	24	.385	10
Charlotte	11	31	.262	15 1/2
Central Division				
Cleveland	31	9	.775	
Detroit	27	13	.675	4
Milwaukee	26	14	.650	5
Atlanta	25	16	.610	6 1/2
Chicago	24	16	.600	7
Indiana	11	30	.268	20 1/2
Western Conference				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	25	16	.610	
Utah	25	16	.610	
Dallas	21	19	.525	3 1/2
Denver	20	20	.500	4
San Antonio	11	30	.268	14
Miami	4	36	.100	20 1/2
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	29	13	.690	
Seattle	26	14	.650	3
Phoenix	25	15	.625	4
Golden State	21	19	.525	7
Portland	21	19	.525	7
Sacramento	12	28	.300	16
L.A. Clippers	10	31	.244	18 1/2

## Only poor health can stop Graf: Tinning

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 30. (AP) Women's tennis expert Ted Tinning says only poor health can stop Steffi Graf from winning a second straight Grand Slam.

"The formula is simple. Unless she's injured or ill, she can't be beaten," said Tinning, a four-time consultant who has been following the sport since the 1920s.

Graf, who defeated Helena Sukova 6-4, 6-4 Saturday for the Australian Open women's championship, has been virtually unbeatable the past two years. The West German teenager has lost only five matches since the start of 1987, and the last four defeats occurred when she was ill.

**Difficult**

"Right now she's the best there is," Sukova said. "It's difficult to say what you have to do to beat her, but you certainly have to play better than I did today."

Sukova said Graf is dominating women's tennis the way Martina Navratilova did in 1983-84, when she won six straight Grand Slam titles.

"It's hard to compare them because the game is on a higher level today," Sukova said.

"I think Martina is playing



Graf dominating women's tennis

better now than she did then, but she's still No. 2. The game has improved, so Steffi must be playing very well."

If Graf can follow up her Australian Open triumph with victories at the French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open, she will become the first player in history to sweep the four Grand Slam

three (Grand Slam events) left and it's a long year. I don't want to put that pressure on myself."

Tinning said Graf needs to be lucky as well as good to win another Slam.

"Fate plays such a big role," he said. "Just look at what happened to Steffi last year. A dog bit her racket hand in July right after Wimbledon. If it had happened a few weeks earlier, she might not have played."

Sukova won more games and lasted longer — 71 minutes — than any other Grand Slam opponent at the Australian Open.

But the big-serving Czech missed a lot of easy volleys and double-faulted six times.

"She puts so much pressure on you every point that when you finally get an easy shot, you are so relieved you miss it," Sukova said.

While opponents search in vain for a weakness in Graf's game, the 19-year-old perfectionist says there is room for improvement.

"My serve is stronger than last year and my passing shots are also better," she said. "But I need a little more variation like coming to the net more, especially after my second serve."

## Rodney slams Wah-g-Wah for unbeaten 53

# HCC qualify for quarterfinals

HYDERABAD Cricket Club (HCC) moved into the quarterfinals of the YMCA Goodyear Cup cricket tournament with straight victories over Wah-g-Wah and Social cricket clubs at the Ahmadi Governorate grounds earlier this week.

HCC qualified for the quarterfinals by topping the points table after four consecutive victories.

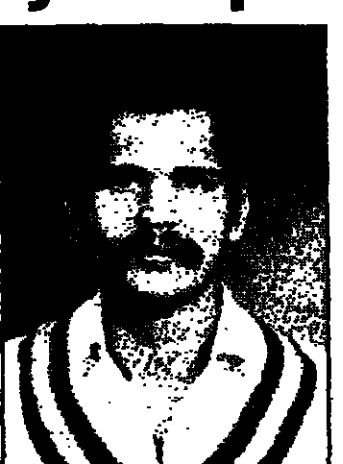
**Resistance**

In this week's matches, HCC lost the toss in both the matches, were asked to bat and scored victories with relative ease.

In the first match, Wah-g-Wah were bundled out for only 89 runs. Aftab with 23 and Salfar 16 were the only batsmen to offer any resistance to the HCC bowlers.

For HCC, James took three wickets while Saleem, Ronny Jr, Masood, Sethi and Mathews got one each.

HCC never faced any problem



Rodney: unbeaten 53

in getting the runs with Rodney racing to an unbeaten 53. He got some good support from Mathews who hit 24 and Bastaki (11 not out). HCC scored their nine-wicket victory in the 12th over.

In the second match, HCC thrashed Social by eight wickets. Social scored 146 for six in 27 overs. Shahid Pervez was their top scorer with an unbeaten 61. Prashant 23, Ramesh 16, Danny 15 and Anu 17 were the other contributors to the total.

Saleem took two for 28 while James, Ronnie Sr, Tariq and Ronnie Jr captured a wicket each.

Masood and Rodney gave a good start to the HCC innings by putting on 40 for the first wicket before the former was run out for 18.

**Loose**

Rodney was out for 23 but Ronnie Sr and Ashfaq, playing with caution and punishing anything loose, took their team to an eight-wicket victory.

Ronnie and Ashfaq both remained unbeaten on 62 and 24 respectively.

## Schneider wins combined slalom

BEAVER CREEK, Colorado, Jan. 30. (AP) Switzerland's seemingly invincible Vreni Schneider charged from more than a full second off the pace to overtake American Tamara McKinney and win the women's combined slalom yesterday at the World Alpine Ski Championships.

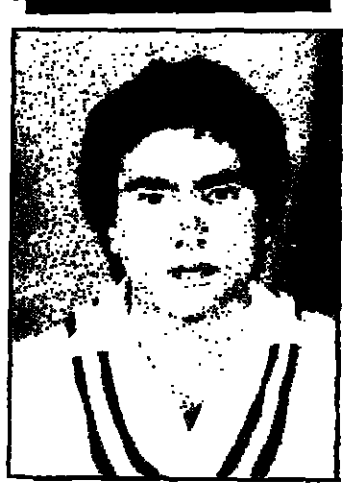
Results of the race — the opening event in these championships — will be paired with a downhill on Thursday to determine the combined medalists.

**Favourite**

Because the mathematical formula that determines the combined title is weighted toward the downhill, Schneider, a competent downhiller, is a heavy favourite for the gold medal.

Schneider, 24, who has won all 10 slalom and giant slalom races on the World Cup circuit this season, stood fourth after the first run of the combined slalom, 1.17 seconds behind leader McKinney.

## Local cricket



Ashraf Rana

## Galaxy beat Capri for quarterfinals

RIAZ Chaudhry and Jamil spun out Capri for 129 and then Ashraf Rana and Hameed Chacha put in an excellent batting performance to take Galaxy to a four-wicket victory in the YMCA Goodyear Cup cricket tournament at the Ahmadi Governorate grounds on Friday.

Bitu Singh won the toss for Capri and elected to bat. Habib provided the initial breakthrough by having Saleem caught at the wicket for 14 while Ashraf Rana removed Raju (21) and Nareesh.

Only Bitu Singh resisted the accurate Galaxy bowling and hit 55 before being caught by Ashraf Rana off Riaz Chaudhry.

**Took**

Jamil removed Sarfraz, Ershad and Nasir to finish with figures of three for 25. At the other end Riaz Chaudhry finished with four for 24. Ashraf Rana and Habib took two and one wicket respectively.

The total of 129 runs seemed to be an easy target for Galaxy but they lost their top batsman Ghulam Haider in the first over.

Ashraf Rana and Hameed Chacha, however, made up for this early loss by hitting 52 and 42 (not out) respectively.

Jamil also remained unbeaten on 11 as Galaxy went past the Capri total for the loss of six wickets. Saleem and Nasir took two wickets each while Nareesh and Sarfraz got one each.

By virtue of this win, Galaxy top Group C, followed by Capri. Both the teams qualified for the quarterfinals.

## Casuals blast NBK to cruise through

CASUALS Cricket Club moved smoothly into the next round of the Friday Cup when they defeated National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) at Ahmadi on Friday.

Casuals took the field without their opening bowler Adi Selvaratnam, who was injured by a horse, but kept a tight rein on the game. The skipper gave Richard Snowden the new ball and he managed extra pace to worry the opening batsmen, narrowly missing a caught and bowled chance.

**Caught**

At the other end, Steve Anderson came close several times before being caught behind by Ray Fernando. It was the first of four dismissals for Fernando who keeps with more confidence every week. His second victim was NBK star Andrew, brilliantly taken by an overhead running catch off the bowling of Snowden.

Ron Seward came on and bowled Melville which left NBK struggling before Shankar (35) and Ijaz (55no) restored their pride. Seward then had Shankar well caught by Kevin Wells but the new bat Ashwak hit a rapid 35 before being the first of two stumpings for Fernando off Peter Bond's spin.

Casuals had the fine fielding of Anil and Dave Hodgson — who badly injured a finger in an attempt at a catch — to hold the score down to 167.

In reply, Wells opened without regular partner Val Tuddall and was soon back in the pavilion for a mere four. However this only



Simon Clements

brought in Simon Clements, eager to make a score against his place of work. It was a gift edged opportunity which he took with both gloves, pulling, driving and cutting the ball. His batting was full of interest and the running paid dividends as he made his way to an excellent 62.

**Score**

At the other end, Ron Seward (23) found a new form of dismissal — but and box — but his replacement Snowden began where he had left off the previous game and matched the strokes of Clements to score an unbeaten 53.

At Clement's departure, Bond came to the middle and took stock of the situation before depositing the ball to the fence. Bond had again played his share in helping his team to victory with an undefeated 17.

## Hubara edge BKME

HUBARA gained their revenge against BKME when they beat their rivals by 19 runs in a Friday Jashanmal/KOC League match at the Ahmadi ground.

This top of the table clash between the two teams helped Hubara avenge the defeat they suffered at the hands of BKME last week.

Hubara were put into bat with Craig Shipton and David Talbot assuming their normal partnership. With 23 on the board, Talbot was caught for 6 off Ronny. Nick Elfinstone was moved up the order after a good performance last week and once again found form with the bat against the BKME bowlers.

**Steady**

Supporting Shipton, and at one time outscoring him, Elfinstone helped his partner put on a steady 30 in the next 7 overs before Shipton fell to the tempting bowling of Ronny for 20. Patrick Flower replaced Shipton and helped in a partnership of 49 before Elfinstone was out, bowled trying to hit Tariq into Salimiyah for a valuable 41 runs.

However, the rest of the Hubara batsmen were not able to capitalise on the good platform and some unforced errors from the middle-order batsmen left Hubara at the end of their allotted 30 overs on a meagre 138 for 8.

This appeared to be almost 70 runs under a winning target and a second successive defeat at the hands of BKME seemed on the cards.

An inspired team talk from Shipton seemed to fire up the Hubara players who from the start of the second innings were determined to win. With Flower

bowling downhill and Jimmy James bowling with the wind, the BKME openers Rameesh and Maqsood were made to feel a little unwelcome at the crease.

A fine piece of fielding from Talbot created the run out of the luckless Maqsood to give Hubara the early breakthrough they wanted. Rodney replaced Maqsood and quickly wished he was back with Del Boy in Peckham as a fired up James made modern art of his middle stump. BKME were now 9 for 2.

Left-handed Sethi replaced him and hit a few quick runs before he succumbed to James' pace again for 14. With Rameesh out in the same over, bowled by James, the BKME score was now 29 for 4 in only the 8th over and Hubara had taken any initiative away from BKME.

Flower picked up the wicket of Jerry to put more pressure on the incoming batsmen. Saleem and James (BKME) then put up a rear guard action with a partnership of 31 before Saleem was out for 7, lbw to James, off the last ball of his spell.

**Needing**

BKME were now 66 for 6 and still needing 73 more runs for victory. Only Rameesh James put up the only real fight of the day with an excellent knock of 39 before he fell to the new slimline Dave Boldy.

With skipper Shipton whittling away at the new exposed BKME tail-end, the BKME task became harder and harder. BKME were finally out for 119 in the 27th over 19 runs behind Hubara. James finished with 4 for 34 and Shipton with 33 for 22 off 5.2 overs.

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Razaq (right) receives the trophy from Ashraf Khan.

take two wickets each for 56.58 and 44 runs respectively.

Starlite opened their innings through Iqbal Rizvi and Iqbal Jr and took the score to 72 before

the former was bowled by Shahzad after hitting 33 runs.

Iqbal Jr kept hitting all the Evergreen bowlers to all parts of the ground. He batted for 17

overs and hit 77 before he was out. He took his team to 154 and Starlite seemed to be cruising to victory at this stage.

Shahzad and Chris started

bowling with great accuracy at this stage and also induced the KIFCO batsmen to make mistakes. Bader, Maqsood Sr and Arif were all out while trying to keep up with the run-rate. Bader hit 10, Maqsood Sr 32 and Arif 27.

Sohail, who came to the crease with the score at 182, tried to swing the match his team's way. He hammered all the Evergreen bowlers and in the process took Starlite to 254 before he took one swing too many and was caught for 48. He slammed two sixes and four fours.

Qayyum, Mansoor and Maqsood Jr could not tackle the Evergreen bowling and scored only 25 runs in the remaining six overs. Starlite managed to reach 279 for nine before their overs ran out — leaving them losers by 11 runs.

**Collected**

For Evergreen, Rafique Butt captured two wickets while Dawood, Zagar, Chris and Ejaz collected one each.

Ashraf Khan of KIFCO presented the prizes to both the teams at the end of the game. Evergreen skipper Razaq took the Man of the Match award.</



## BORDER TAKES MAN OF THE MATCH AWARD

## Australia brush aside West Indies



Border (right) raises his bat in jubilation after hitting the winning run. (Reuters wirephoto)

SYDNEY, Jan 30, (Reuters): Australia, despite an early scare losing three quick wickets chasing a small West Indies target, pulled through today to win the fourth Test by seven wickets at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

With a first innings total of 401, Australia on the final day scored the required 80 runs to win shortly after lunch in reply to West Indies' modest scores of 224 and 256.

Allan Border spearheaded Australia's win with a career best bowling figures of 11 wickets for 96 runs in the match, making him the first reigning Australian captain with such a match tally against any Test-playing nation.

Australia also won the last time they played West Indies on the turning Sydney pitches in 1984-85, by a crushing innings and 55 runs.

Border, voted Man of the Match, fittingly hit the winning runs, a boundary off spinner Carl Hooper to the mid-wicket fence to push Australia's total to 82 for three wickets half an hour after the lunch break.

West Indies have already won the five-Test series by taking the first three encounters in convincing fashion.

It was Australia's first Test victory since overcoming Sri Lanka in Perth early last year and it was the first defeat suffered by the West Indies in 11 Tests since they were beaten by a touring Pakistan team a year ago.

Dean Jones, remained not out on 24 and Border 16, following his superb bowling efforts of 46

for seven in the first innings and 50 for four in the second. Border hit a stubborn 75 in the first innings.

The win was a much-needed morale boost for Border, who has won only seven of his 38 Tests as captain since 1984-85.

West Indies only added two runs to their overnight total of 254-9 before Border ended the innings taking the wicket of Curtly Ambrose for five.

But West Indies did not lay down and accept defeat. Fast bowlers Malcolm Marshall, with figures of 29 for five in the first innings, and Ambrose bowled at top pace forcing the Australian batsmen to struggle for runs.

Ambrose gave Australia an early scare when he took the wicket of Mark Taylor for three with a vicious delivery. Taylor fended the sharply rising ball to Desmond Haynes at short backward square leg.

In form batsman David Boon, who made 149 in the first innings, fell shortly after to Marshall for 10, spoiling a ball to Roger Harper at mid-off.

Richards added a little more excitement to the run chase by bowling opener Geoff Marsh in the last over before lunch for a patient 23. But Border and Jones stood firm after the interval and quickly overcame the West Indies' target.

Meanwhile, Australian selectors have recalled former Test paceman Michael Whitney for the fifth and final Test starting in Adelaide on Friday. Whitney will replace fast bowler Terry Alderman who damaged a ham-

string early yesterday.

The Australian side for the fifth Test: Allan Border (captain), Geoff Marsh, David Boon, Mark Taylor, Dean Jones, Steve Waugh, Ian Healy, Peter Taylor, Trevor Holmes, Merv Hughes, Michael Whitney, Tim May.

## Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings 224 (G. Greenidge 56, D. Haynes 75, R. Richardson 28).

AUSTRALIA first innings 401 (D. Boon 149, A. Border 75, S. Waugh 55).

WEST INDIES second innings (overnight 254 for nine): G. Greenidge c and b Hughes 4; D. Haynes c M. Taylor b Border 143; R. Richardson c Hughes b P. Taylor 22; C. Hooper c Jones b Holmes 35; V. Richards c Jones b Holmes 4; A. Logie c P. Taylor b Holmes 6.

J. Dujon run out 9.

R. Harper lbw b Border 12.

M. Marshall c P. Taylor b Border 3.

C. Ambrose c Boon b Border 5.

C. Walsh not out 7.

Extras (b-1 nb-4 w-1) 6.

Total 256.

Fall of wickets: 1-17 2-56 3-167 4-188 5-196 6-225 7-232 8-244 9-247.

Bowling: Hughes 18-6-29-1 (1-w); Alderman 20-6-40 (3-w); Waugh 3-4-10-0 (1-w); Border 29-4-91-1, Holmes 33-10-69-3, Border 18-4-3-50-4.

AUSTRALIA second innings:

M. Taylor c Haynes b Ambrose 3.

Ambrose 7-1-16-1 (1-w); Hooper 10-3-24-0, Walsh 3-4-9-4, Richards 7-2-12-1.

Did not bat: S. Waugh, I. Healy, P. Taylor, T. Holmes, M. Hughes, T. Alderman.

## Canterbury declaration keeps Pakistan game alive

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Jan 30, (Reuters): Shared batting honours and a tea-time declaration by Canterbury kept the game alive on the second day of a three-day match against Pakistan at Christchurch today.

Canterbury declared at five wickets for 219, 39 behind Pakistan's first innings total of 258 for seven.

Pakistan scored a run a minute to reach 120 for two by the close of play, giving them an overall lead of 159 into the final day.

The Canterbury innings was almost a replica of Pakistan's on the first day, being built on several substantial top order contributions.

Starts Openers David Boyle and Ben Harris provided a solid platform with a 76-run stand broken by an unfortunate run out.

The Pakistani pace bowlers, having their last workout before the first Test starts in Dunedin on Friday, could make little impact on the easy-paced pitch.

Leg spinner Abdul Qadir, who only arrived in New Zealand yesterday, bowled surviving opener Harris for 45 for the breakthrough.

He took two more Canterbury wickets to finish on three for 69. Peter Kennedy, out of form in domestic play, showed his ability to handle spin with the day's top score of 68, reaching his half-century with three successive fours in one Qadir over.

The highlight of Pakistan's second innings was an unbeaten half century by Aamir Malik who stroked 11 fours in his 53 not out after sharing productive stands with Moin-ul-Atiq and Javed Miandad.

## Scoreboard

CANTERBURY first innings:

D. Boyle run out 46.

B. Harris b Qadir 45.

P. Kennedy b Sikander 68.

## Vengsarkar to lead India against West Indies

NEW DELHI, Jan 30, (Reuters): Dilip Vengsarkar was retained today as India's captain for a cricket tour of the West Indies but several other selection hopefuls could find the way barred by legal restrictions and disciplinary problems.

Twenty-one players will be named tomorrow with the final squad for next month's tour being picked after a coaching camp, an Indian cricket board spokesman said after announcing Vengsarkar's appointment.

Accident But Navjot Singh Sidhu, who picked, could fly out with the side only if a Punjab court waiting to try him on a charge of culpable homicide agreed to lift travel restrictions. The 24-year-old batsman is accused of beating a motorist to death after a traffic accident.

Three other players—left arm spinner Maninder Singh, all-rounder Manoj Prabhakar and veteran Mohinder Amarnath—could also be overlooked after disciplinary problems.

Vengsarkar himself was re-appointed captain only after he had apologised for kicking down the stumps following a dispute with an umpire in a local match.

Since he took over from Kapil Dev last year his captaincy has been marred by a six-month ban imposed for violating a cricket board ban on writing for newspapers during a cricket series against another country.

Influence Vengsarkar's actions have been widely criticised, with the respected Indian sports magazine Sportstar saying he could have a bad influence on young cricketers in the country.

"It is the egotism of the current generation of players which is to blame for much of the ill of which the Vengsarkar episode is only one symptom," Sportstar said.

Maninder and Prabhakar escaped without any formal charges after a brawl during a match but their behaviour was believed to have kept them out of several matches in the New Zealand series which ended last month.

## Fined

But the cricket board came down hard on veteran Mohinder Amarnath yesterday when it fined him 20,000 rupees (\$1,330) for calling the national selectors "a bunch of jokers" after he was dropped from the squad.

Amarnath, a 38-year-old batsman, refused to accept the punishment and has taken the issue to court.

## Dutch champions

THE HAGUE, Jan 30, (Reuters): Defending Dutch soccer champions PSV Eindhoven, badly depleted by injuries, fought from the expulsion of Feyenoord's Peter Berendse to snatch victory with a late goal yesterday.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## LPGA Classic

BOCA RATON, Florida, Jan 30, (Reuters): Dottie Mochrie and Beth Daniel were locked in a sudden death playoff when play was suspended for darkness yesterday at the \$300,000 LPGA Classic golf tournament.

## O'Meara wins

PEBBLE BEACH, California, Jan 30, (Reuters): Mark O'Meara celebrated his father's birthday yesterday with a final hole victory at the Pebble Beach Pro-am golf tournament worth \$108,000.

## Dolan sacked

BRADFORD, England, Jan 30, (Reuters): Second Division soccer club Bradford City's manager Terry Dolan was sacked today, three weeks after the side beat First Division Tottenham in the FA Cup.

## 19th goal

MADRID, Jan 30, (Reuters): Brazilian Baltazar scored his 19th League goal of the season to help Atletico Madrid to a 2-0 win over Logrones in the Spanish First Division yesterday.

## NFC triumph

HONOLULU, Jan 30, (AP): Herschel Walker ran for a pair of touchdowns and Randall Cunningham directed three scoring drives yesterday, leading the National Football Conference (NFC) to a 34-3 victory over the American Football Conference (AFC) in the Pro Bowl.

## Pele Cup

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Jan 30, (AP): Italy tied Great Britain 0-0 and West Germany downed Argentina 5-1 in yesterday's matches for the Pele Cup soccer tournament. The games did not alter the dispute for the championship. The final game between Uruguay and Brazil will be played on Feb 2.

## Cricket rescued from bitter racial split

LONDON, Jan 30, (Reuters): Cricket, a seemingly gentle game which is a religion to some but incomprehensible to others, has been rescued from a bitter racial split — for the present at least.

At the core of the problem is the apartheid state of South Africa.

That racially divided republic has long been banished from international matches, known as "Tests". But there have been growing calls over the past 20 years for any player having links with South Africa to be similarly punished.

England, which gave birth to the game, Australia and New Zealand had steadfastly defended the right of any individual to ply his trade wherever it might be.

But India, Pakistan, the West Indies and Sri Lanka, the other countries represented on the International Cricket Conference (ICC), the game's controlling body, demanded bans from Test matches varying from four years to life for those playing or coaching in South Africa.

The strength of feeling among non-white countries was demonstrated late last year when India refused to accept an English team on which captain Graham Gooch and seven others had all played in South Africa.

It was reinforced shortly afterwards when Pakistan pulled out of a tournament with England in New Zealand because of players' South African links.

Such rebuffs clearly came as a shock to the members of the old-school establishment of England cricket, who had felt secure in the belief that no one would actually reject them.

Danger Suddenly the dawning realisation came: not only had England lost two tours, it was in danger of being consigned to the international wilderness alongside South Africa.

No international cricket would rapidly mean the demise of the grass-roots English county game which is largely financed by the international matches. Cricket in England, as a top level game, would effectively die.

The issue came to a head at an ICC meeting in London last week. England delegates, with the reluctant but tacit support of the majority of county players, compromised.

Their conservative opponents at home denounced it as capitulation and launched two legal actions to block the compromise. Neither succeeded, although more are anticipated on the issue of restraint of trade.

The ICC agreed to bar anyone having links with South Africa after April 1 from playing Test cricket for up to five years, and the delegates departed congratulating themselves on having resolved the thorny issue.

But South African officials have already said they will mount rebel tours similar to ones from England, Sri Lanka, West Indies and Australia that outraged anti-apartheid supporters.

A two-year contract in South Africa could be worth well over 10 times the meagre annual salaries the poorly-funded English counties can afford. And some English county

players have already intimated they could be coerced into a rebel tour of South Africa — provided the money is right.

England, which punished its previous rebels, Gooch among them, with a three-year international ban, will presumably stick by the letter of the ICC agreement.

Australia, fearful a second rebel exodus of top players to South Africa would denude its cricket even more than before, already has a 10-year ban in force.

The non-white countries have even harsher rules. Few of the past Sri Lankan and West Indies rebels will ever be allowed to play again in their native lands.

That also poses the question whether those states will be prepared to accept players from other countries once they have served a five-year ban.

As Gooch wryly remarked: "Governments issue visas, not cricket boards. Who is to say governments won't still hark back to old events? What is to say anything will change?"

## McInally gets Scotland call for qualifier

GLASGOW, Scotland, Jan 30, (AP): Scotland manager Andy Roxburgh today called up muscular Aston Villa striker Alan McInally, nicknamed "Rambo" by his fans, for the World Cup qualifying match against Cyprus in Limassol on Feb 8.

McInally, scorer of 21 goals this season, was named in a Scottish squad of 20 and is poised to make his senior international debut.

"This is an appropriate game to bring in McInally," said Roxburgh. "He has a tremendous physical presence and lives up to his nickname. He has looked very impressive running at defences with the ball and his record speaks for itself."

"We must have someone in attack who is capable in the air and Cyprus appear vulnerable in that department."

## Seriously

McInally, 26 next week, is the English First Division's top scorer. Thirteen of his goals have come in League games.

"We have to think seriously about playing McInally," Roxburgh said. "At worst, he will be on the bench in Cyprus."

The Scottish manager sprang a bigger selection surprise by naming Heart of Midlothian utility player Mike Galloway after hearing that Wales were interested in the powerful 23-year-old. He was born in Wales but has a Scottish father.

Galloway, like McInally, has not been involved in any Scottish teams previously.

Galloway will not start next week, but could be on the bench after scoring in five of Hearts' six UEFA Cup matches this season.

## Liverpool to face Hull in Cup

LONDON, Jan 30, (UPI): First Division clubs Liverpool and Nottingham Forest must both travel to Second Division opponents in the fifth round of the FA Cup, drawn today.

Liverpool, which beat Millwall to advance yesterday, travels to Hull, while Brian Clough takes Forest to Watford. The fifth round is to be played on Feb 18.

Experienced Hull is in the bottom half of Division Two, but has lost just one League game at Boothferry Park this season and boasts one of the most experienced striking partnerships in the game. Keith Edwards and Billy Whitehurst shared the goals as Hull knocked out Bradford on Saturday.

Watford eliminated Derby on Saturday, but in Forest they face what is currently the country's most successful team. Forest claimed its ninth successive victory with its fourth-round win over Leeds.

Holder Wimbledon finally received a home draw after trips to Birmingham and Aston Villa. The winners of the Grimsby Town vs. Reading replay will visit Plough Lane.

Norwich, which defeated non-League Sutton 8-0 on Saturday, have another home tie, against Third Division Sheffield United or the last club in the League, Colchester.

Charlton could find itself in a London derby if West Ham comes through Wednesday's

replay with Swindon.

Brentford earned a small reward for ousting Manchester City, a long and demanding journey to Blackburn Rovers, a club with an illustrious Cup record. Blackburn has already beaten Brentford in the League Cup this season.

## Replay

Manchester United will travel to meet the winner of tomorrow's Hartlepool vs Bournemouth replay. The tie could give United a chance to avenge its League Cup loss to Bournemouth five years ago.

Bookies made Liverpool the favourite at 1-1, with United 7-2 and Norwich 13-2. Forest was fourth favourite at 7-1, with Everton 8-1.

## Wazzan seeks top result in local rally

THE seventh round of Kuwait's National Championship will take place on Feb 3, and will consist of stages in the Maqwa and Sulaybiya areas. Marlboro driver Tareq Al Wazzan will be making a determined bid to capture maximum points in the event.

Wazzan is probably Kuwait's best known local rally driver, having had an impressive career which includes winning the National Championship, and also the Dubai International Rally. He recently returned from participating in the first round of this year's Marlboro Desert Challenge, the BP 2000 4x4 Rally in Oman, where he drove a short wheel base Mitsubishi Pajero.

Faced Wazzan's co-driver Khaled Khalifa was unable to get a visa in time for the event and Wazzan was faced with pace notes in English for the first time. He is



Wazzan (left) with his co-driver.

now third in this year's Challenge placings.

However, Wazzan's main priority is to win back his Kuwait

Championship title. Last year was his first full season for a few years, and car problems forced him to change his vehicle three

times in six rallies. This has kept him back in fourth place in the championship.

"Now I have the right car. My Opel Manta is reliable, strong and fast. Ahmed Khalifa won the UAE championship in it, and I am confident that, Inshallah, I can now take the Kuwait title."

Currently

In these closing rounds, Wazzan's main competition comes from Ahmed Al Helal in the Toyota Corolla and from Eid Falah in a modified Range Rover. Falah currently leads the championship on points, having frequently been able to take advantage of his rival's car problems.

"That's behind me now," said a determined Wazzan. "With Khaled Khalifa as my co-driver, Toni Samia as team manager, and this car, I have one of the strongest teams competing in Kuwait."

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